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School Committee hears from Wildwood Building Committee

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee meeting last Wednesday night covered an athletics update followed by the Superintendent's Report and an update from the Wildwood Building Committee.

Athletics Director Mia Muzio reported on the highlights from the fall 2021 sports season. She went through each sport — football, girls and boys cross country, field hockey, boys and girls soccer, cheer, and volleyball — and named all of the district and team award winners.

She also shared some milestones like the football team winning the second playoff game in school history, the girls cross country being tri-league champs and making a new course record, the cheer team making second place at regionals and state, and the volleyball team making it to the state tournament.

There were two public comments that night. The first came from Jeffrey Cohen,

who quoted the Director of the FDA saying that cloth masks don't provide much protection against COVID-19. He accused the School Committee members of not wearing masks at a recent conference in Cape Cod.

He also claimed that the committee has put their own political agenda above the safety and physical well-being of students and that diversity, equity, and inclusion are unpatriotic.

The second public commenter gave a shoutout to Becky Brown for her help towards the Wilmington Travel Basketball program in keeping students safe. He also thanked Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse and the health department. He gave support for all of the three School Committee members whose seats are up for re-election this year.

Among the items for approval that night were a DECA field trip to Boston in March and the International Career Development Conference in April, both of which

the committee approved.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand mentioned the principals search, the MSBA process for the Wildwood, the first reading of next year's calendar, a budget update, and DESE updates in his report.

He explained that two committees began work searching for new principals for the Wildwood and the high school, overseen by Human Resources Director Andrea Stern-Armstrong. He promised to keep the committee informed and to make room for the community to weigh in during both selection processes.

School Committee member M.J. Byrnes asked if there would be a forum for parents to meet the candidates via Zoom. Brand answered that he expected the committees to consider using Zoom with the knowledge that going virtual brings more engagement.

He then talked about the progress of the MSBA process for a new Wildwood school.

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Wildwood Building Com. discusses communication and marketing strategies

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday night, the Wildwood School Building Committee invited members of the community to attend their in-person public meeting at the Wildwood Street School. Ahead of the meeting, they allowed time for residents to tour the school in order to get a better sense of its current state.

The Wildwood School Building Committee is made up of representatives from the town departments and town elected boards. Part of their purpose is to coordinate with the Massachusetts School Building Authority to facilitate the process for a new Wildwood School since Wilmington was accepted into the program with a condition of consolidation of schools.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand presented two recent MSBA deliverables that night. He also mentioned that all of the information associated with the committee — meet-

ing minutes, deliverables, and anything else — was available on the tab of the Wilmington Public Schools website entitled "Wildwood Building Committee."

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero explained that the enrollment information was produced by the MSBA using their formulas to project the next 10 years. This was based on historical enrollment information provided by the town.

Public Buildings Superintendent George Hooper said that the capital and maintenance planning documents outlined funds that would need to be allocated and a 5-year capital plan. When one of the committee members asked about the challenges of the current school, he named things like the age of the school, asbestos in the ceiling and floor tiles, the steam-generated heating system, and the outdated electrical system.

BUILDING | PAGE A11W

School Start Time Committee offers a presentation

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Start Time Committee presented several potential change options from their research to the School Committee last Wednesday night. The presenters included Assistant Superintendent Paul Ruggiero, Transportation Coordinator Lisa Faretra, Shawsheen Assistant Principal Kevin Welch, and Health & Physical Education Liaison Laura Stinson.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand started by saying that this had been an area of interest in the strategic plan. He gave context saying that according to research, young adolescents need more sleep in the morning, so it's better to

have school start later in the day. He also mentioned that a number of other districts in the Middlesex League haven't changed their start times accordingly.

The presentation went into further detail about adolescent sleep schedules. They explained that adolescents have changing sleeping patterns. They established that teenagers have more difficulty falling asleep earlier and need to sleep later into the morning.

According to research, students get more sustained sleep if they can sleep in later.

Experts in the field have said that adolescents starting school at 8 a.m. or later has health and academic benefits," the presenters said.

They even maintained that having extra sleep in the morning makes a difference, even if it allows students to stay up later.

However, considering changing school start times also meant looking at its effects. The factors they considered included pressure on families, financial considerations, athletics, and after-school availability of high school stu-

dents.

They mentioned only three districts in the Middlesex League haven't changed their start times for older students to later: Wakefield, Wilmington and Woburn.

Transportation Coordinator Lisa Faretra went on to say that their ideal scenario would be one where no students have to be at the bus stop in the morning before 7 a.m. Currently, some students get picked up as early as 6:40 a.m. The target start time for older students would be between 7:50 and 8:30 a.m.

They would also want to keep the school day the same number of hours. With these conditions, the committee at first looked at 11 scenarios for changes before they narrowed those down to five.

The first scenario would make the least impact, with all school start times simply pushed back 20 minutes. The second scenario would consider starting all intermediate schools at the same time, followed by the middle school and high school.

TIME | PAGE A11W

Town of Wilmington prepares for election

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — April 23, 2022 will be an important day for the Town of Wilmington and its residents, as it is the date of the annual town election.

As always, voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the three precinct locations. Precincts one and two will vote at the Boutwell School (17 Boutwell St.), three and four will vote at the Wildwood School (182 Wildwood St.) and five and six will vote at the Town Hall (121 Glen Road).

Residents should also make note to regularly check their mailboxes, as some new changes will be coming to the layout of precincts.

In a notice on the Town of Wilmington website under the Town Clerk Voting & Elections Section, "The 2020 Federal Census population required the Town of Wilmington to make changes to our precinct maps. I (Town Clerk) have worked with the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to

make changes that will have the least impact on the residents of Wilmington. Should your precinct have changed, you will be notified by mail as soon as possible."

The seats up for election this year are in the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Shawsheen Regional Technical High School Committee, and Wilmington Housing Authority.

The Board of Selectmen has a total of two seats up for election, each serving three-year terms. The School Committee has three seats available, with terms of three years.

The Shawsheen Regional Technical High School Committee has one available seat with a three-year term. And finally, the Wilmington Housing Authority has one seat open with the longest term of five years.

As of Tuesday afternoon, only two residents pulled papers: Jason Samaha, School Committee, and Paul Swarnoski, Board of Selectmen. Neither returned them as of press time.

Those interested in run-

ning should contact the town clerk for more information.

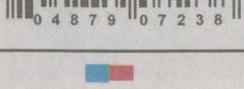
The final day to register to vote in time to participate in the 2022 annual town election is April 1, 2022. Newly eligible citizens are able to register to vote and voters are able to check their registration on the Town of Wilmington website under the Town Clerk Voting & Elections Section.

Those voting absentee must first fill out an application, which can be found along with instructions on the Town of Wilmington website under the Town Clerk Voting & Elections Section. And those signed absentee ballots may be emailed to the Town Clerk at townclerk@wilmingtonma.gov.

Change begins on a local level. It can be said without a doubt that the candidates that step forward to run for these positions will be passionate, determined, and ready to impact the town in a positive manner, and it will be exciting to see this election unfold in the next few months.

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Wilmington Library News:

Trouble sleeping? Get expert advice on Thursday, Jan. 27

Adult Programs

INDOOR

Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.
Did you get a new device for the holidays? Need some help figuring something out? Stop by Tech Help to get your question answered.

VIRTUAL

Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

INDOOR

Well Read Wednesday Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina Stewart. Featured book: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

HYBRID Social Justice Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

This group continues the work started with the library's antiracism series. Instead of discussing the entire book, the group will read a select number of chapters per month to allow for more in depth conversation. Featured Book: An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Chapters for this meeting: Chapters 7-9 (61 Pages)

VIRTUAL

Sleep Researcher Dr. Wendy Troxel

Thursday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

Sleep researcher Dr. Wen-

dy Troxel will discuss the importance of sleep and offer advice on how to improve your sleep quality. Dr. Troxel is a senior behavioral and social scientist at the RAND Corporation and an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh and University of Utah. She is the author of Sharing the Covers: Every Couple's Guide to Better Sleep and has given two TEDx Talks: "Why School Should Start Later for Teens" and "How to Sleep Like Your Relationship Depends on It."

INDOOR

Needleworkers

Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie — drop in. Everyone is welcome!

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV is looking for new board members!

WCTV is now accepting applications for its Board of Directors. WCTV is a non-profit organization and the Board is tasked with overseeing station policies and budgeting decisions.

TWOSday Raffle

Join in the TWOSday fun while learning about library services. Pick up a "two-do" list at the library or print one from the website. For each two things you do on the list, you earn a raffle ticket. Bring your list to the library to pick up your earned raffle tickets. Raffle will be drawn on 2-22-22 at 2:22pm for a dinner for what else — two! (Local restaurant gift card, \$50 value).

Youth Programs

All youth programs have been switched to virtual or cancelled through mid-February in response to high COVID-19 cases.

INDOOR STEAM Team

Monday, Jan. 24, 3:45 p.m. (Grades K-2)

Monday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program!

Registered patrons will receive an email when their Take Home Kits are ready for pickup. Once receiving the email, you may come in anytime during our library hours to pick up your kit.

VIRTUAL

Pajama Jam

Monday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Join the fabulous Bernadette Baird for interactive music and movement. Ages 0-4

VIRTUAL

Teen Book Club

Friday, Jan. 28, 4 p.m.

This month's Teen Book Club will discuss One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus. Copies will be available at the library to check out prior to our meeting. Grades 9-12

VIRTUAL

In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our

website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are required inside Town buildings regardless of vaccination status.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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Office Hours by Appointment: (978) 657-4066

Questions about WCTV?

News and notes from WCTV

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, Jan. 24 7 p.m. - Board of Selectmen

View on: Verizon channel 37 and Comcast channel 9.

WCTV is located at: 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington

Office Hours by Appointment: (978) 657-4066

Questions about WCTV?

Baker-Polito Administration awards grants to help local communities meet stormwater permitting requirements

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced that it awarded \$288,570 in grants to five multi-community stormwater coalitions across Massachusetts to help local cities and towns in meeting existing and upcoming stormwater management requirements, building on its commitment to protect and improve water quality across the Commonwealth.

Each winter, MMSF's Coats4Vets program provides warm winter coats to veterans and active-duty military members and their families. This winter, over 20,000 coats will be distributed through the Coats4Vets program.

Those wishing to receive a coat at Rep. Gouveia's distribution are asked to register by clicking here or visit the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation website www.mmsfi.org. For any questions about this event, please contact Rep. Gouveia's office at 617-722-2011 or Rep. Howard's office at 978-282-9078.

About the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation's (MMSF) mission is to provide programs, services and goods that help satisfy critical needs and enhance the well-being and quality of life for Massachusetts Veterans, active-duty Military, National Guard, Coast Guard, and their families. Since the onset of COVID-19, MMSF has expanded services to assist other families in need as well.

Proper stormwater management is crucial in our administration's efforts to both protect and improve water quality throughout Massachusetts," said Governor Charlie Baker. "By partnering with these stormwater coalitions, we are able to achieve mutually shared goals that directly benefit both the public and the environment."

"We must all work to protect our Commonwealth's water resources in an effort to improve water quality within waterways such as rivers and streams, which provide wonderful recreational opportunities for so many," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.

"These grants will provide important informative tools to better educate everyone on how we can work together to reduce pollutants from entering stormwater systems."

The funding awarded today will enable Massachusetts municipalities to expand their efforts to meet Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements and reduce stormwater pollution through coordinated partnerships that emphasize resource sharing. There are more than 260 Massachusetts municipalities subject to the current MS4 permit, issued jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and MassDEP, which took ef-

fect on July 1, 2018.

"The Baker-Polito Administration is proud to partner with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to fund efforts in these 192 coalition communities to reduce pollution from stormwater discharges," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharis. "These grants play a crucial role in helping communities meet stormwater standards and in educating the public about how they can play a role in reducing pollutants in our stormwater systems."

"Stormwater is a complex problem and a significant source of water pollution in waterways across the Commonwealth," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "It is a problem that requires innovative solutions, and these grants will help fund creative ideas and programs for communities to share with each other to help solve common water quality issues."

Permit requirements that the MS4 communities must meet include the development and implementation of a public education program, adopting more stringent local development rules, locating and removing pollutants that are illegally entering municipal stormwater systems, and installing stormwater management systems.

The groups receiving funding are:

Statewide Stormwater Coalition - \$75,000

The Statewide Stormwater Coalition has developed a successful education and outreach program for more than 190 municipalities that satisfies one of the control measures required of the 2016 MS4 permit.

As part of this project, the coalition will continue its social media advertising campaign of "Ducky Video" in English and Spanish, translate 10 stormwater education messages for use on social media platforms into the six most-common languages used in Massachusetts (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Khmer) to reach a broader audience, and continue to carry out its annual survey of Massachusetts resi-

dents about their knowledge, attitudes, and habits related to stormwater.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission - \$65,000

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission will collaborate with GreenScapes North Shore Coalition, which includes the Ipswich River Watershed Association and Salem Sound Coastwatch, to carry out local code review for 29 municipalities and identify how creation of impervious cover can be reduced and low-impact development can be promoted as part of development projects. The project will also oversee the development of a mobile application that allows for uniform data collection during construction site inspections, which will be accessible to all MS4 communities.

Charles River Watershed Association - \$49,470

The Charles River Watershed Association will host a series of four workshops that focus on the use of the Phosphorus Control Plan templates that were developed under this grant program in Fiscal Year 2021. The workshops will assist 52 municipalities in working towards meeting their phosphorus reduction goals and benefits all municipalities in the Charles River watershed and those that are within watersheds where phosphorus reduction is needed to protect and restore lakes and ponds.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy for Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative - \$69,000

The Massachusetts Maritime Academy will build on work carried out under the Fiscal Year 2021 grant that supported training of municipal staff in the use of their shared trailer outfitted for illicit discharge detection. After garnering interest from other MS4 communities, this project will expand its training to municipal staff outside of the eight municipalities that belong to the Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative. In addition, Mass. Maritime Academy will also invest in a new piece of equipment for

improved outfall sampling and continue to support the municipalities in outfall testing and illicit discharge disconnections and removals.

Mystic River Watershed Association - \$30,100

The Mystic River Watershed Association will support an Adopt-A-Drain program for 13 municipalities in its watershed as part of an education and outreach program to engage residents, organizations, and neighborhood groups in stormwater education and management. Mystic River Watershed Association carried out a pilot project in Medford, which yielded an increased interest in and concern for stormwater management from participating community members. The program is based on an existing model that has been implemented in places such as California, Georgia, and Wisconsin.

"These funds are pivotal in mitigating stormwater pollution and damage," said State Senator Susan Moran (D-Falmouth). "Massachusetts Maritime Academy will be able to continue their collaborative work of training municipal staff for pollutant detection and I will continue to support initiatives to protect our water supply."

The grants are funded through the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2022 capital plan's MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program.

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources — air, water and land — to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives and ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities served by the agency.

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

TAXPAYERS SHOULDN'T

BELIEVE THESE MYTHS ABOUT FEDERAL TAX REFUNDS

PART I

Now that many taxpayers have filed their federal tax returns, they're eager for details about their refund. When it comes to refunds, there are several common myths that can mislead taxpayers.

Getting a refund this year means there's no need to adjust withholding for 2022.

To help avoid a surprise next year, taxpayers should make changes now to prepare for next year. One way to do this is to adjust their tax withholding with their employer. This is easy to do using the Tax Withholding Estimator. This tool can help taxpayers determine if their employer is withholding the right amount. This is especially important for anyone who got an unexpected result from filing their tax return this year. Also, taxpayers who experience a life event like marriage, divorce, birth of a child, an adoption or are no longer able to claim a person as a dependent are encouraged to check their withholding.

Calling the IRS or a tax professional will provide a better refund date.

Many people think talking to the IRS or their tax professional is the best way to find out when they will get their refund. The best way to check the status of a refund is online through the Where's My Refund? tool or the IRS2Go app.

Taxpayers can call the automated refund hotline at 800-829-1954. This hotline has the same information as Where's My Refund? and IRS telephone assistants. There is no need to call the IRS unless Where's My Refund? says to do so.

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Lifestyle

January is National Braille Literacy Month

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

In recognition of the Jan. 4 birthday of Louis Braille, the inventor of the Braille code system, the United States Government has named January as National Braille Literacy Month.

The Braille code system is a way to read and write by touch rather than by vision. Many assume the Braille system is only used by those who are blind, however, the Braille system is beneficial to individuals with visual impairments and those with dual sensory loss and/or multiple disabilities.

Contrary to popular beliefs, Braille is a tactile code, not a language. In fact, many languages including English, Spanish, French, Chinese and Arabic can be written and read in Braille.

The inventor of the Braille code system, Louis Braille, was born in France in 1809. Although born with full vision, a tragic accident took his sight at age three. He later attended the National Institute for Blind Youth in France.

During the time period of Braille's youth, it was very difficult to produce

reading material using raised print. Braille's desire for access to more books led him to experiment with different ways to create an alphabet that was easy to read with fingertips.

At the age of 12, Braille received inspiration for what would soon become the Braille code during a guest lecturer's speech at school.

Charles Barbier, an artillery Captain in the French army, was a guest speaker for Braille's class.

Barbier had devised a system for soldiers to communicate at night without sound called sonography.

He believed this system would be of great value to the Institute for the Blind, and presented his system to Braille's classroom.

The sonogram system combined a 12 dot system to represent the 36 sounds of the French alphabet, but this system was complex and did not lend itself to spelling or punctuation.

With the information he learned about the sonogram system, Braille spent the next several years perfecting a usable code for the blind.

Printing Braille remained a long process until 1941, when Perkins School wood-

with his school mentor and the world.

A full Braille code is made up of six raised dots and can represent every letter, number, punctuation, and symbol used in print (including music notes).

Although the Braille system revolutionized the printed medium for the visually impaired, it was still difficult to offer Braille literature to the masses until an invention was created by a local teacher at the Perkins School for the Blind.

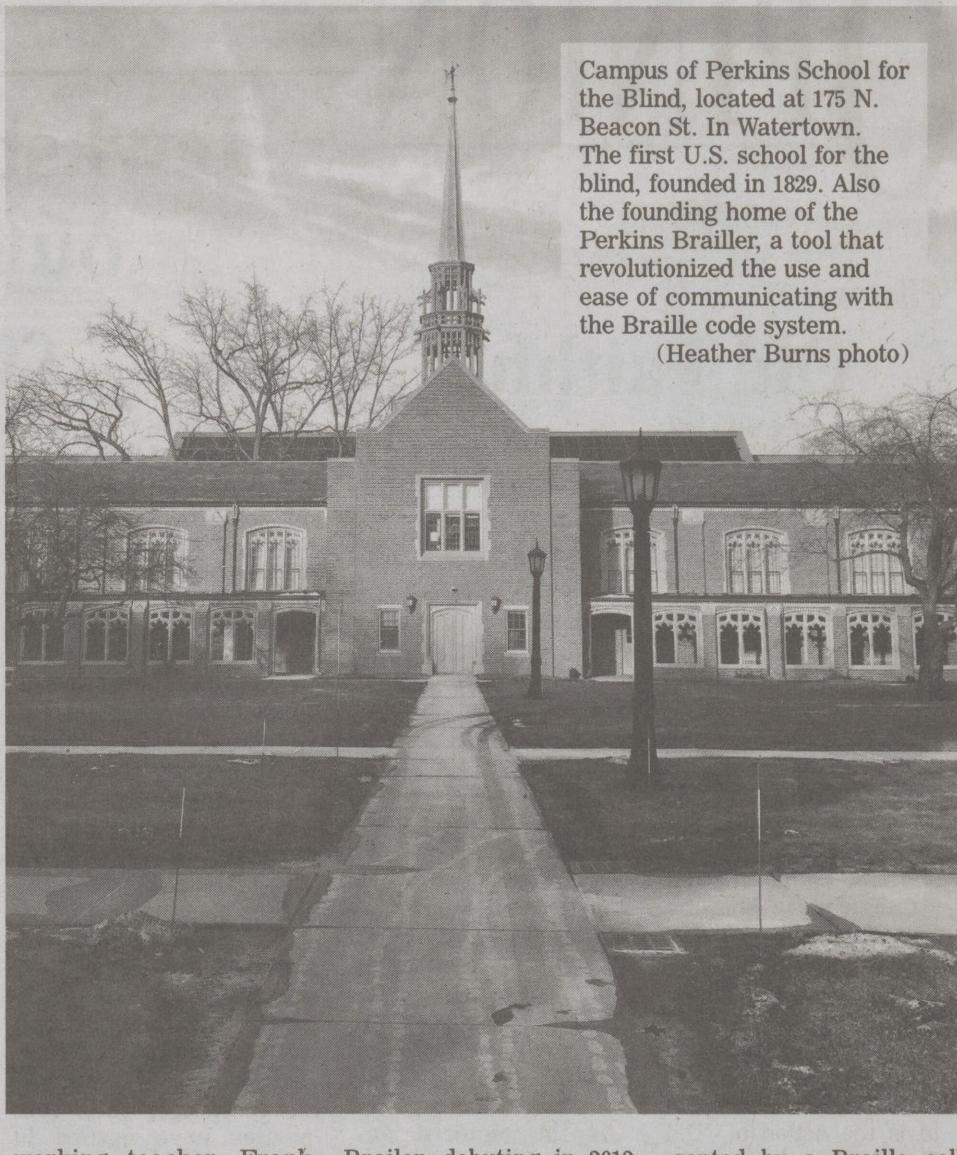
Perkins School for the Blind, located in Watertown, was founded in 1829, and was the first school in the United States specifically for the blind.

Famous Perkins alumni include Laura Bridgeman, Helen Keller, and Anne Sullivan.

In 1834, Perkins School opened the Perkins Printing Department in order to provide books to their students and the visually impaired community.

This department was later named the Howe Memorial Press, after the first director of the Perkins School, Samuel Gridley Howe.

Printing Braille remained a long process until 1941, when Perkins School wood-



Campus of Perkins School for the Blind, located at 175 N. Beacon St. in Watertown. The first U.S. school for the blind, founded in 1829. Also the founding home of the Perkins Brailler, a tool that revolutionized the use and ease of communicating with the Braille code system.

(Heather Burns photo)

working teacher, Frank Hall, created the first prototype of the Perkins Brailler.

The Perkins Brailler works almost like a typewriter, and was designed to make Braille easier to print and more accessible to use. The Brailler was perfected over the next 10 years and was widely produced by 1951.

Because of the huge success of the Perkins Brailler, the name of the Howe Memorial Press department was changed to the Perkins Products department.

The progression of technology brought the Smart

Brailler, debuting in 2012, which can display, vocalize and braille information that the user types. With this new technology also came a new name and era for the old printing department at Perkins.

In 2015, the printing department was renamed again to Perkins Solutions, which now includes consulting services for digital accessibility in addition to product manufacturing.

Today, there are two levels of the Braille code system in use. Uncontracted Braille, where each letter is repre-

sented by a Braille cell, and a shorthand version that represents common letters or words using one or more Braille cells, making the Braille system even more user friendly.

This January, as you curl up with a good book, please reflect on the importance of National Braille Literacy month.

With the invention of the Braille code, visually impaired, multiple disabled, and blind students are able to achieve a level of literacy that was previously unattainable.

For more information on Braille literacy visit www.pathstoliteracy.org.

The Professional Center for Child Development announces new board leadership and exec. dir. emeritus

ANDOVER AND LAWRENCE — The Professional Center for Child Development (PCCD) announces new leadership of its Board of Directors. Each member will help support the local nonprofit's mission of nurturing the growth and potential of EVERY child.

"I became a member of the Board in 1989 when our son Matthew attended the Center's Day School," shared outgoing chairman Brian Latina. "The past few years had inspiring challenges and great successes, both of which prepared us to meet COVID head on, developing a telehealth program so we could continue to provide the important and time-critical services to children and families. I am confident

in our future and in Mark's leadership as we continue to grow, expand our impact and serve more children."

PCCD and its Board of Directors are also pleased to announce the Agency's first-ever Director Emeritus.

"I am personally delighted that the Board of Directors has designated PCCD Co-Founder and retired Executive Director, Veryl Anderson, as Executive Director Emeritus. This is a wonderful way to honor her dedication, 44 years of service to the Agency and the impact she has made on tens of thousands of children and families," shared current PCCD Executive Director Chris Hunt.

In her new role, Anderson will continue to provide counsel and mentorship to PCCD leadership. In November 2021, the special education school at PCCD was proudly renamed — Anderson

School at The Professional Center for Child Development.

"We are excited and grateful to have strong, committed, and talented board members. We look forward to serving with each of them to advance PCCD's mission in the coming years," said Hunt.

PCCD board members contribute their time, talents, and expertise to Agency oversight.

The new Board of Directors chair, vice chair, treasurer and clerk began their term with PCCD effective Jan. 1, 2022. The four new board leaders are a volunteer group of leaders instrumental in shaping the nonprofit organization's direction and assisting it in raising philanthropic funds to support PCCD's strategic priorities.

• Mark Pascarella, chair
Resides in Andover, Founder & Executive chairman, nQ Medical, Inc.

• Julie Palmaccio, Esq., vice chair

Resides in Tewksbury, Senior Associate Attorney, SKM Title and Closing Services PC.

• John (Jack) DeCourcy, treasurer

Resides in Andover, retired - US Government

• Tricia Sabulis, CISR, CIC., clerk

Resides in West Newbury, Vice president, Marketing, A.P. Michaud Insurance Agency.

families.

Programs include:

- Anderson School at PCCD - Special Education School, ages 3 through 10 years

- Early Intervention at PCCD - Children birth to 3 years who have or are at risk for developmental delays

- Regional Consultation

Program at PCCD - Working with families who have young children with special health care needs

- Woodbridge School at PCCD - Early childhood education and care, ages 3 months through 5 years

For more information about The Professional Center for Child Development www.thepccd.org

PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC NOTICE

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENT

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools: Career, Vocational and Technical School Application Process (For schools other than Shawsheen Valley Technical High School)

Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to Tewksbury Public Schools, Christopher Malone, Superintendent, for the specific school they wish to attend by April 1st of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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OPINION

History:

Old Faithful (traffic light) and the pencil

Anyone who has had the dubious pleasure of being on the receiving end of a traffic ticket will probably tell you that the officer who wrote the ticket took his pencil from his cap. Policemen always carry a spare pencil in that strategic place, knowing that the one they carry in their jacket will always be either broken or lost.

Another dubious pleasure that many Wilmington motorists can testify to is the action of "Old Faithful," the traffic light at Wilmington Square. Let the light be green as a motorist approaches, without another car in sight, and Old Faithful will surely turn to red before the motorist can get through the Square. There are motorists who will swear by or at Old Faithful, on any occasion — by or at doesn't make any difference.

In January 1952, a

motorist passed a filling

station on lower Main

Street at an estimated 65

m.p.h. Chief of Police Paul Lynch, just starting off towards Wilmington Square, took off in pursuit.

But, thought the chief, what will I do when I catch him? I don't have a pencil! Should I borrow one from him? What if he doesn't have one?

These were appalling thoughts for a man intent on doing his duty, but then the chief relaxed as he thought of Old Faithful, standing sentinel duty in the Square.

As the motorist approached the Square, Old Faithful, ever on the alert, was equal to the occasion. The motorist had to stop for a red light. The chief appeared at his window and told the man to drive to the police station, just 100 feet away.

As the chief and the motorist entered the station, the chief had but one thing to say to the desk officer.

"Give me a pencil, please."

(Wilmington Crusader, Jan. 30, 1952)

Baker-Polito Administration secures contract for 26M rapid antigen tests

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced an order was placed with iHealth to supply the state with 26 million rapid antigen tests over the next three months. The tests will be prioritized to support K-12 schools and childcare settings. The agreement allows for shipments of tests to arrive on a rolling basis in the Commonwealth, but the administration warns that the timing and shipment amounts will vary depending on international shipping and production variables.

The Baker-Polito Administration also released a public health advisory this week to advise all residents on when to seek tests for COVID-19. The advisory advises all residents to seek COVID-19 tests when exhibiting COVID symptoms, or five days following a known close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID pursuant to MA DPH quarantine and isolation protocols, updated as of Dec. 29 in accordance with the new CDC guidance.

The new isolation protocols do not require a COVID-19 test to exit isolation after having COVID. This general rule also applies to childcare and K-12.

The new quarantine protocols recommend, but do not require, all exposed individuals get a test five days after exposure. Exposed individuals do not need to quarantine in the following circumstances:

- If fully vaccinated and not yet eligible to receive a booster OR

- If fully vaccinated and have received their booster OR

- If they had COVID and it is less than 90 days since

they were diagnosed. DPH advises that a positive COVID-19 rapid antigen does not need to be confirmed with a PCR test.

DPH recommends individuals that have COVID symptoms and test negative with a rapid antigen test should isolate and either repeat an antigen test or get a PCR test in 24-48 hours if they continue to exhibit symptoms.

Additionally, DPH does not advise employers, or schools and childcare, to require a test as a condition of returning to work or school.

Vaccination and getting a booster remain the best possible protection against COVID. There are almost 1,000 locations in the Commonwealth for residents to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or booster. Visit Vax Finder.mass.gov to book an appointment.

Massachusetts National Guard

Governor Baker also activated 500 additional members of the Massachusetts National Guard to support the state's health care system. This order expands the National Guard activation of 500 members announced on Dec. 21 to support non-clinical functions in the Commonwealth's hospitals.

Prioritized uses for the newly activated 500 members will be to provide additional non-clinical staffing at community hospitals and high-volume emergency departments, public hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and dialysis centers.

These guard personnel will be deployed beginning the week of Jan. 17.

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Tewksbury Teachers Association outlines frustration with contract negotiations

Letter to the editor

To the editor,

As a body of highly educated professional adults, we believe the time has come to inform the residents who all have a stake in Tewksbury Public Schools. So, why are we writing this letter now?

At the most recent town-wide PAC meeting on Monday Jan. 10, 2022, the Chairman of the School Committee stated that he would be responding to the Association's "red" slides at the School Committee meeting on Jan. 12, 2022. He was referring to a Tewksbury Teachers Association post on Facebook which outlined the current proposals with an explanation or rationale for those proposals. Both parties have agreed to make all proposals public.

To ensure transparency, we would like to state the facts. We strongly believe that settling this contract, in collaboration with the School Committee, is in the best interest of the students of Tewksbury Public Schools. Our students deserve our collective best!

This process of negotiating began last February (this is not a misprint). As an Association we met in 2020 remotely in order to be prepared, we had meetings with all teachers at all grade levels, and the ground rules of negotiating were the subject of a meeting on Feb. 4, 2021.

Here we are a year later and no resolution.

In the most recent School Committee meeting on the evening of Jan. 12, 2022, the Chairman used his pulpit to state that the Committee had not walked away from negotiations.

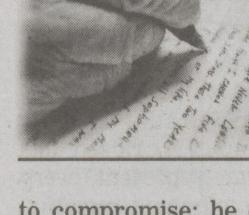
He made this statement in a forum that we were unable to rebut. The Chairman's statement is simply not correct. When a mediator has to be brought in to finish a job that could otherwise be done by the parties involved, that is a form of walking away. The TTA and Tewksbury School Committee are not even in the same room anymore during these meetings.

Seeing as it is impossible to have the same table in two different rooms, it is clear the School Committee has, indeed, walked away from the table.

The Teachers Association believes and has believed all along that we could come to a fair resolution. For the record, the Association did not agree with bringing in a "paid" mediator because we had confidence in everyone's ability to come to a resolution that both parties could agree upon. That is what negotiation is!

When the School Committee decided to end direct discussions with the Teachers Association, and employ a mediator, this was actually detrimental to the bargaining process.

A mediator is not there to help encourage both sides



to compromise; he essentially plays the role of messenger, telling each side what the other side said. This in fact takes away the ability for both sides to plead their case and engage in productive dialogue in order to find some common ground — especially when the mediator from the Department of Labor Relations does not know the details of how Tewksbury Public Schools run.

This is why the Tewksbury Teachers Association was not inclined to enter into this form of negotiations. We felt strongly that we could continue to engage in discussions to ensure a reasonable outcome.

As stated in the Tewksbury Teachers Association's release of the current negotiation sticking points, one of those points is the fact that the School Committee has proposed assigning pre-K to 4th grade teachers recess and lunch duty. Currently, those teachers are the only ones that do not have a lunch/recess duty to date.

Instead, these grades have hired lunch and recess monitors and have been functioning that way for more than 25 years.

However, it is very important to note that all teachers in grades 5-12 do at least 30 minutes more, on a daily basis, of preparation time than teachers in grades pre-K - 4.

We have a few concerns with this proposal. First, adding recess and lunch duty will further decrease the amount of time these teachers have to prepare lessons, analyze data, correct student work, meet with ancillary service providers as legally mandated by IEPs, collaborate with grade level teams, communicate with parents and guardians, prepare materials for dynamic lessons, meet with principals for important discussions regarding teacher/student growth, prepare work for absent students, and complete many other important tasks.

It would seem that the School Committee believes, instead of taking part in all of the aforementioned, vital teaching activities, a better use of our time would be to supervise students eating lunch and playing at recess.

It is the Teachers Association's belief that it is in the best interest of students to give these teachers time to create the best lessons and learning environment for their students. These teachers are

creating the foundation for learning that the upper grades are, and will continue to, cultivate and grow, yet they currently have the least amount of time to do so.

In the interest of negotiating in good faith, and as a way of compromising,

the Teachers Association proposed that the pre-K to 4th grade teachers would agree to one of either lunch or recess duty per week.

To date, the School Committee has stated that they will not include such language regarding how many lunch and/or recess duties teachers can be required to do. It is also important to note that the teachers in grades 5-12 do have a specific cap on how many lunch duties they are required to do whether that be in the contract or due to extensive past practice.

The Teachers Association tried to explain to the School Committee the negative impact that the loss of this valuable time would have on student learning.

The School Committee proposed taking 15 minutes per week away from professional learning community (PLC) time to make up for the 25-45 minutes every day (125-225 minutes per week if there is no limit) if we agreed to the current School Committee proposal on the table.

The Teachers Association does not feel this is an acceptable compromise, and to date, even though the TTA has proposed three separate ideas to resolve this, the School Committee has not offered any other suggestions in order to try and move toward a compromise with regard to this issue.

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working without adequate time to meet all of the professional responsibilities and human needs.

It should be further stated that the Association has done the research and there are very few districts that have their teachers supervising the eating of lunch. We have viewed many agreements from surrounding towns and it is clear that most districts have in their bargaining agreements language to the effect of: "A teacher's primary responsibility is to teach."

There are four other areas of concern on which the Association and the School Committee cannot reach an agreement thus far; however, it should be noted that lunch duty is the key to unlocking those other four doors. The School Committee simply does not see how detrimental it would be to impose another duty on the elementary teachers of this district.

In closing it should be

stated that in the history of the Tewksbury Teachers Association, we have never failed to reach an agreement with the School Committee nor have we ever failed to ratify an agreement. It would seem suspect that this time is an anomaly. We believe the difference-maker is the fact that the Tewksbury Teachers Association took a vote with the entire membership (which is over 350 strong) of No Confidence in our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent who was recently named the Interim Superintendent of Tewksbury Public Schools, which certainly causes the Tewksbury Teachers Association some concern.

This vote of No Confidence passed by an overwhelming 82%. In addition to that statement of fact, when we asked the School Committee and its chair to have an outside investigation we were denied and this Vote of No Confidence was largely viewed as frivolous. If this is in fact the case, the Teachers Association hopes that the School Committee can agree to put personal feelings aside in order to focus on what is most important and that is the students of Tewksbury.

The Tewksbury Teachers

will continue to advocate for a contract that ensures the best possible teaching and learning conditions because that is what we believe the students of the Tewksbury Public Schools deserve.

In Partnership,

Tewksbury Teachers

Association

Book Stew Review

'56 Days' by Catherine Ryan Howard

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Here's a very twisty Dublin-based mystery set at the beginning of pandemic lockdown. There are alternating chapters from Ciara, a newcomer to the city, who meets Oliver, a very good-looking but nervous architectural engineer, and a team of detectives who find a body wedged into the shower in

a corporate apartment.

Each chapter is dated, "78 days before," "22 days ago," etc., and the reader needs to give those hints his/her full attention. Everyone's got something to hide, except the Garda (police), who describe the condition of the body in sickening detail. It's those nifty twists and the black humor and character development that make this an irresistible thriller.

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OBITUARIES

Donald C. Eaton

Served in the Army during the Korean War

Donald C. Eaton, age 90, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away after a brief cancer diagnosis.

Donald was born on July 25, 1931, in Wilmington; he was the cherished son of the late Elmer W. Eaton, Sr. and Margaret (Copley) Eaton. Donald was raised in Wilmington on Ballardvale Street and attended Wilmington Public Schools.

Donald enlisted in the United States Army on Aug. 21, 1952, in Boston. He served during the Korean War earning the National Service Medal. Donald was honorably discharged as a Corporal on Aug. 6, 1954 and returned home to his family.

When Donald returned to Wilmington, he met up with a former classmate, Marie C. Dec. They started dating and were married on Feb. 18, 1956, at St. Thomas Church followed by a reception at Grange Hall.

Donald and Marie settled in Wilmington, where they raised their two children, Judy and Donald "Skip" Jr. Donald was a very "hands on" dad; he enjoyed playing games with the kids, especially dodgeball and baseball. He spent quality time teaching them valuable life lessons about kindness and generosity.

Donald was employed by the Tewksbury State Hospital in Tewksbury for 44 years. He held many positions, but he was best known for his transportation position, which he loved. Donald was a "people person;" he was very well-respected and made many friendships with co-

workers and patients.

Donald loved sports, especially the Red Sox; he was their biggest fan. Donald watched countless games since the 1930's, but he was thrilled to be able to see the Red Sox play in three World Series.

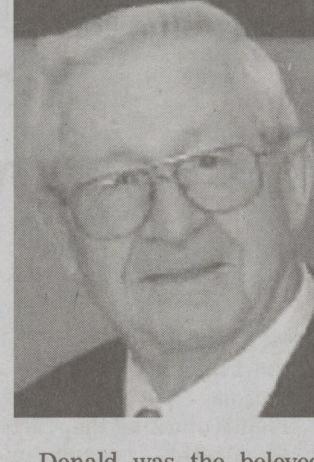
Donald was a baseball coach for several years; he coached the neighborhood kids and the Tewksbury Hospital Women's softball league. He was fortunate enough to coach his wife, Marie, and several of her nurse friends.

Family was so important to Donald; he was the most loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather. Donald adored Marie; they had a special bond and a wonderful life together. Donald loved to "take care" of those he loved. He was a terrific cook and prepared many meals for the family.

He spent a lot of time out in his yard gardening, mowing the lawn and shoveling. Donald will be remembered as a kind, generous and loving man. He was known as a great "tipper" when he went out to dinner; he appreciated a great server and didn't mind showing his appreciation.

Donald will be missed by his loving family, but they will remember him for all the joy he brought to their lives.

The Eaton family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers for all of their care and compassion during this most difficult time.



Donald was the beloved husband of 65 years of Marie C. (Dec) Eaton, devoted father of Judith Haas and her late husband Thomas of Harrison, ME and Donald C. "Skip" Eaton, Jr. of Wilmington, loving "Papa" of Jennifer Norris and her husband Brian of Newburyport, "Great-Papa" of Molly, cherised son of the late Elmer W. Eaton, Sr., and Margaret (Copley) Eaton, dear brother of Nancy Eaton of Salem, NH, the late Warren Calvin Eaton, Elmer W. "Babe" Eaton, Jr. and his late wife Anna and Maynard C. "Red" Eaton, brother-in-law of the late John Campbell. Donald is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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Funeral Services for Donald will be private.

Memorial donations in Donald's name may be made to Local Heroes, PO Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887 or by paying it forward with an act of kindness; he would have loved that.

Arrangements under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Frank A. Nardone

Served in the United States Navy

Burlington Police Department Retired Detective Frank A. Nardone, age 75, of Wilmington, formerly a long-time resident of Burlington, passed away unexpectedly at home on Jan. 16, 2022.

Frank was born on Aug. 2, 1946, in Medford; he was the dear son of the late Angelo "Sonny" and Dorothy (Wheaton) Nardone. Frank was raised and educated in Medford and graduated from Medford High School where he met his high school sweetheart Kathy Hansford.

Frank enlisted in the United States Navy on Jan. 14, 1964 and began active duty. Frank served aboard the USS Cadmus out of Newport, Rhode Island as an electrician's mate; he also served at the U. S. Navy Reserves Manpower Center in Bainbridge, Maryland and earned the National Defense Service Medal.

Frank was honorably discharged from active duty on Aug. 1, 1967 and continued to serve in the U. S. Naval Reserves until August of 1970. Upon his discharge, Frank, worked as an electrician at the Boston Navy Yard prior to its closing.

On Aug. 25, 1964, Frank married the "love of his life and best friend" Kathy Hansford; the couple shared many wonderful years together with family and friends before Kathy's passing in 2016.

Frank and Kathy settled in Burlington, where they lived for over 20 years and raised their three sons: Frank, Jr., James and Shawn. Frank was very devoted to his family, he worked hard to provide for them and was always so proud of everything they did. When Frank became "Papa" his world was even brighter and he just adored his grandchildren.

Frank and Kathy looked forward to boating, being on the water, summers spent in Hartford, Maine or camping in New Hampshire with their family and friends; everyone always had a great time and countless memories were

made throughout the years.

Frank and Kathy moved to Wilmington over 25 years ago and Frank became the "mayor" of his neighborhood along with his faithful dog Maddie. Frank was the ultimate neighbor; he kept watch on everyone's homes while they were away or at work. He watched out for the neighborhood kids, and he was the most friendly and lovable guy you could have as a neighbor and friend.

Frank had an endearing personality; he made everyone feel loved and welcomed wherever he went. He and Kathy had an "open door policy" with their family and friends; they were the ultimate host and hostess and had many family celebrations, holidays, barbeques, or any other occasion to get everyone together.

Frank was appointed on a provisional basis to the Burlington Police Department in October of 1974, and was officially appointed as a full time police officer in December of 1975. He graduated from the Northern Middlesex Police Academy in 1976.

Through Frank's hard work and dedication to the department as well as the community, he worked his way up the ranks. During this time, Frank continued his education at Middlesex Community College where he earned his Degree in Criminal Justice.

Frank was appointed to the detective unit in 1990.

Frank excelled in his new position, he got along well with his co-workers and the townspeople alike. During his time as a detective he worked on a number of narcotics cases most notably in 1999 when detective Nardone was part of a combined federal, state and local law enforcement effort that broke up a major heroin ring operating in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Frank retired from the department in December of 2006, following many years of dedicated service to the Town of Burlington.

Frank will be fondly remembered for his great sense of humor; he was



quite a "jokester" and loved to make people laugh. He looked forward to his breakfasts with his buddies at the Country Chef Restaurant or lunches at Rocco's Restaurant where they reminisced about times past and had a few good laughs.

Frank was one of the "good guys;" a devoted family man, a great police officer, a proud veteran and a true friend to many. He will be forever in the hearts and minds of those he touched.

Frank was the beloved husband of the late Kathleen "Kathy" (Hansford) Nardone, devoted father of Frank A. Nardone, Jr. of Seabrook, NH, James E. Nardone and his wife Terry of Turner, ME, and Shawn P. Nardone and his wife Stefany of Atkinson, NH, father-in-law of Jill Cohen of Tyngsboro, loving "Papa" of Charlene, Jessica, Travis, Nathan, Heaven, Aiden, and great-grandchildren Deklan, Aurora, Eden and Esther.

Dear son of the late Angelo "Sonny" and Dorothy Nardone. Frank is also survived by his cherished dog Maddie and his brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Jan. 21 from 4 - 7 p.m. A service to celebrate Frank's life will be held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 10:30 a.m. followed by his interment with Military Honors at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Lena C. Vinal

Professional seamstress

Lena C. (Parella) Vinal, 106, passed away peacefully in the loving care of her family on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at Bear Mountain Nursing Home in Lowell after a long and remarkable lifetime of good health.

She was the beloved widow of Russell W. Vinal who passed away in 1973.

Born and raised in Everett, she was one of six children of the late Genaro and Rose (Tisei) Parella. In 1966, she moved to Tewksbury, where she resided until 1983 when she moved to Dracut to live with her daughter and family. In 2016, she returned to Tewksbury to live with her other daughter and son-in-law.

In addition to her duties as a mother of four, she worked as a professional seamstress at several Boston fashion houses, including a long tenure at Cinderella Fashions.

Among her favorite activities were taking care



of her grandchildren and great grandchildren and spending time with her two sisters to whom her family lovingly referred as the real-life "Golden Girls."

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Brooks and her husband, Robert of Tewksbury; her son, Gerald R. Vinal and his wife, Denise (Iandoli) of Wilmington; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two daughters, the late Joanne Cordeiro and the late Gail Rice; and her siblings, the late Louis "Dewey" Parella, the late Daniel "Nello" Parella, the late Carmella Capra, the late Mondo Parella, and the late Anne DeSantis.

The family would like to thank the Bear Mountain Nursing Home staff who took such good care of her in her final year of life. The family also extends

their deepest gratitude to the staff who comforted her and them during her last hours. May God bless you for the incredible and often thankless work that you do.

Her funeral service was held privately and burial took place at Tewksbury Cemetery. Arrangements by Tewksbury Funeral Home, 1 Dewey Street, Tewksbury, MA 978-851-2061. Please visit www.TewksburyFuneralHome.com to leave the family a message of condolence.

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Said property is located at **913 East Street Assessor's Map 102, Lot 52** zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined in the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwbsbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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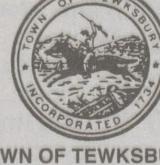
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Said property is located at **60 Highland View Road Assessor's Map 23, Lot 53** zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tekwbsbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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Said property is located at **2532 Main Street Assessor's Map 94, Lot 66** zoned Commercial.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 1, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #22-01 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-01, plan entitled, "Existing Conditions Plan of Land, 5 Cornell Place, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated January 4, 2022, prepared by Andrew M. Pojasek, P.E., Dana F. Perkins, Inc., 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. The application is to install an 8' wide x 40' long x 8' high shipping container with an associated concrete pad for exterior storage. Said property is located at 5 Cornell Place, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 143.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85358789831?pwd=TVIUMkFhUm1zMg4wbGN0dXlqdDkQT09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 853 5878 9831.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 1, 2022 at 8:40 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #22-02 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-02, plan entitled, "Plans to Accompany Permit Documents for Upton Park, 30 Upton Drive, Wilmington Massachusetts", dated January 5, 2022, prepared by Todd P. Morey, PE, Beals Associates Inc., 2 Park Plaza, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116, for the property located at 30 Upton Drive shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18H. The proposed project is for the construction of a 49,290 SF warehouse with associated parking and stormwater management.

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LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cheryl A. Faro and Matthew P. Faro, to America's Wholesale Lender, dated May 28, 2003, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 15341, Page 139, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from America's Wholesale Lender to Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, dated February 11, 2009, recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22773, Page 200; by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, to Federal National Mortgage Association, dated April 14, 2015, recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29000, Page 170; by assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., dated February 7, 2019, recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32757, Page 284; and by an assignment from MTGLQ Investors, L.P., to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Chalet Series III Trust, dated February 13, 2019, recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32830, Page 230, for breach of the conditions of said

mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 P.M. on the 31st day of January 2022, at 7 Madison Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

The land shown as Lots 177-182 inclusive on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots at Central Park, Wilmington, Mass. April, 1908, Scale 80 feet to an inch" which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 25, Plan 39.

Reference is hereby made to said plan for a more particular description.

Said lot is also shown as Lot 70 on a Definitive Plan entitled "Madison Road, Wilmington, Mass., William G. Troy and Assoc., 936 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, Owner: James Banda, Jr., 5 Longview Road, Wilmington, MA", which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 182, Plan 136 to which reference is made for a more particular description of said lot 70.

Lot 70 contains 15,363 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed record at Book 6900 Page 255.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the

benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Chalet Series III Trust, Present holder of said mortgage,

By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444

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Several residents pulled nomination papers for this year's annual town election

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — With the availability of nomination papers this month marking the start of election season in Tewksbury, several candidates, both new and incumbents, have announced their intent to run in this year's annual town election.

Looking at incumbents seeking reelection, current Select Board member Jayne Wellman announced her intent to run for reelection on Facebook last week.

"I'm excited to announce that I am seeking nomination for reelection to the Tewksbury Select Board," Wellman said. "It's been a privilege to serve our community over the last three years, during some of our most challenging times."

Jomarie Buckley has also taken out papers to run for the Select Board. Currently, Buckley and Wellman are the only confirmed candidates seeking election to the Select Board.

In terms of the School Committee race, Kayla Biagiioni-Smith and Rich Russo have announced

their intention to run. Both candidates have launched campaign Facebook pages: "Kayla Biagiioni-Smith for Tewksbury School Committee" and "Rich Russo Jr. for Tewksbury School Committee."

For the Planning Board, incumbent Jeremiah Joseph Delaney and newcomer Cody Smith have pulled papers.

Susan Amato and Nicole Burgett-Yandow have pulled papers in order to run for the Board of Health, while Dustin Weir is currently the only candidate to pull papers for the open Town Moderator role.

For Library Trustees, incumbent Joseph Frank will seek re-election, with newcomers Julie Naughton and Susanne Pederson also joining the race.

Patricia Meuse is currently running unopposed in her reelection campaign for the Shawnee Tech School Committee.

Many of these campaigns kicked off last Saturday, at a Drive-In Signature Event hosted by Wellman in coordination with the other candidates. At this event,

attendees had the ability to meet the candidates, sign nomination papers, and/or donate to the campaigns. Candidates in attendance at this event included: Jomarie Buckley (Select Board), Kayla Biagiioni-Smith (School Committee), Rich Russo (School Committee), Nicole Burgett-Yandow (Board of Health), Cody Smith (Planning Board), Dustin Weir (Town Moderator), and Julie Naughton (Library Trustee).

The final day for candidates to file nomination papers to the Town Clerk's Office is Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 before 5 p.m. For papers to be valid, candidates will need to gather at least 50 valid registered Tewksbury voter's signatures and addresses to submit.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Two women arrested for drug possession, distribution

Monday, January 10

7:14 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male in Whipple Road wearing a black parka, black pants, carrying a black backpack with a black strap. Male was asking her directions and seemed confused. Male left her property in an unknown direction. Police sent but were unable to locate the male party.

3:13 p.m. - The CVS pharmacy in North Tewksbury received a fake prescription via fax. Police sent and talked with the caller. Officer filed a report.

5:11 p.m. - A 911 call from Ames Hill Drive reported a noise complaint. Caller reported it was an ongoing issue; male was banging on the walls and whistling. Police sent. The male party would quiet down.

9:35 p.m. - Police out with a suspicious vehicle at Audio Works Inc. The

vehicle checked out; it was a father and son dropping the vehicle off for service.

Tuesday, January 11

2:41 p.m. - Caller from Trull Road reported a motor vehicle acted suspicious in the area of Floyd Avenue. Police spoke with all involved parties and they checked out.

6:25 p.m. - Police out with two males at Home Depot for suspicious activity. Everything checked out and the units cleared.

7:31 p.m. - Police out at Walmart with two vehicles for suspicious activity. Alethea Beck, 45, of 493 East Merrimack St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with distribute class E drugs and possession class B drugs. Diane Michalski, 51, of 1359 Pawtucket Boulevard in Lowell, was arrested and charged with distribute class B drugs and possession class E drugs.

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Wednesday, January 12

4:17 p.m. - Caller reported a disorderly person in the CVS south pharmacy making threats. Suspect was described as a white male wearing a black sweatshirt. Police sent. Notice of trespass issued. Police filed a report.

Thursday, January 13

1:08 a.m. - Male party walked down Main Street with a gas can. He was wearing a baseball cap. Police sent. They spoke with the party of attached vehicle. He ran out of gas and was waiting for a friend to pick him up.

4:50 p.m. - Online issue reported from Briarwood Road with a female stating a party was contacting her 13-year old daughter attempting to meet up and sell drugs. Police sent to speak with reporting party. Officer filed a report.

5:48 p.m. - Received a

call on business line from Walmart loss prevention stating they had the party in their office for shoplifting. Party was not cooperating and would not provide ID. Police sent. Loss prevention called back and said they would like to cancel police because the individual began to cooperate. Police gave the OK to cancel.

Friday, January 14

1:11 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 with a suspicious vehicle. Male party was homeless and living out of the vehicle.

4:47 p.m. - Caller reported male was soliciting weatherization service at her home on Claire Street and Patten Road. Described as a black man, 5'10", wearing dark blue sweater, black beanie sale cap and black jeans. No vehicle observed being operated by male party. He was unable to provide any business credentials. Police

sent but they were unable to locate any individual.

was a solicitor.

5:13 p.m. - Holiday Inn called to have a woman removed. The police were there earlier to remove her. He stated he gave her some time to wait for a ride to come get her but she was now sleeping in the laundry room and he would like her removed. Police sent. The woman was now off the property. She will come back at a later time to retrieve the rest of her belongings. Hotel management was OK with that.

6:42 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity at Innovation Drive. Police reported he would be out with three vehicles. No crime activity. Juveniles just hung out waiting for the Patriots game to start.

Sunday, January 16

3:21 am - Police out checking a vehicle at Home Depot and spoke with the parties. Everything checked out.

3:40 a.m. - Police out at Home Depot with a party with possible paper. Marleni Alvarez, 37, of 220 Fletcher St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and operation motor vehicle with license suspended.

12:53 p.m. - Caller from Extended Stay America requested to speak with an officer to file a missing person report. Officer reported he will be returning with one female under arrest. Jarecia Rogers, 36, of 25 Dover St. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery domestic.

Saturday, January 15

4:40 p.m. - Caller from Evergreen Road reported suspicious activity and requested to speak with an officer. Officer reported he spoke with the caller and the suspicious city

were called to the scene as the bus was towed away.

Wednesday, January 12:

12:14 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Route 62 Highway and I-93 Southbound Ramp 34 between a white 2016 Toyota RAV4 and a grey 2004 Honda Pilot with unknown injuries and airbag deployment. The fire department and tow services were called to the scene while the operator of the Toyota was transported home.

4:47 p.m.: Unemployment fraud was reported by a caller on Baland Road.

7:21 p.m.: A caller at Cumberland Farms Gulf Gas Station on Main Street reported that they slipped on ice while going out to the pumps, which caused no injuries. They asked an employee to salt the area, but they refused, causing the call. An officer came to the scene and asked the employee, who agreed to comply, satisfying the caller.

9:09 a.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported that tenants had knocked down lights that she had put up, which was part of an ongoing issue. An officer on the scene reported that there was no damage, as extension cords were merely unplugged and placed in front of the residence. The caller was advised of the eviction process.

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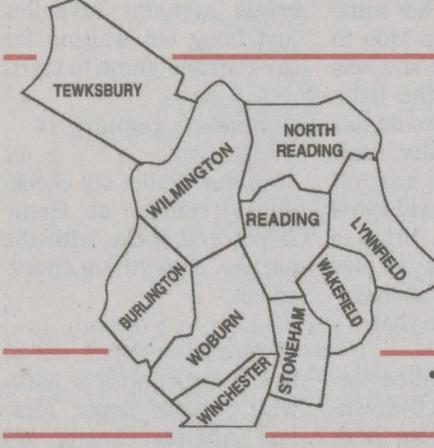
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A-8 WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY JANUARY 19, 20, 2022

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Boston Regional Medical Center in Stoneham eyed for Life Sciences

By PAT BLAIS

Ever since the busy Boston Regional Medical Center (BRMC) complex across from Spot Pond closed its doors for good nearly 20 years ago now, Stoneham officials eagerly facilitated nearly every effort by Burlington's Gutierrez Company to redevelop the sprawling commercial site.

But the latest push by the Burlington office park manager to refashion the old hospital site into a life-sciences campus has some town officials questioning whether the municipality has the technical know-how to protect residential abutters from potentially dangerous or high-hazard users from moving into the proposed two-story facility.

Complicating the debate is the broad definition of life sciences, which includes a diverse field of businesses focused on

everything from experimentation with viral and microbial pathogens, developing new-age agricultural products, the creation of new high-tech medical devices and "precision" pharmaceuticals, and genetic therapy and vaccine research.

Because some of those uses could technically include the use of chemicals and solvents and the handling of contagious and deadly pathogens, many are worried about the risks of a biosafety mishap or accidental release of hazardous materials.

"My concern is with the facility itself," Stoneham Select Board member Raymie Parker said during a Planning Board meeting last month. "The Board of Health doesn't have any statutory regulations in place now with regards to biomedical [uses]. So I'd like to have a conversation about what will be allowed in that

building."

"We're all newbies in Stoneham with life sciences and I think it would behoove us as a town to have [a consultant] come in to tell us what to do," later said local resident Ellen McBride, who chairs the community's Conservation Commission. "I'm not trying to be an alarmist at all. We just need to be smart about this."

The latest debate in Stoneham occurred in the final days of 2021, when the Gutierrez Company approached Stoneham's Planning Board for a special permit that would allow the developer to swap out a previously approved 225,000 square foot office building with a 150,000 square foot research and development (R&D) facility.

According to local attorney Charles Houghton, who has represented the Burlington

BOSTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER in Stoneham has been part of a long running debate about what type of use is suitable for the largely vacant campus. Most recently, local officials are considering a life science campus.

firm ever since the developer purchased the bankrupt medical center back in 1999, if granted the permit, his client would be able to break ground almost immediately on the project due to the scorching hot market demand for life sciences space.

"It's roughly the same size of the existing hospital, which has not been torn down, but finally would be," said Houghton, referring to the vacant multi-story hospital building that sits along the historic Fells Reservation parkway by the Melrose and Malden lines.

"What's been holding this [last project phase] back in the market," the local lawyer later said of the office building, which was approved for construction back in 2011. "For this kind of R&D, the market is very strong right now. We

don't have a tenant yet, but there's a lot of interest."

Indeed, in recent years and especially after the arrival of COVID-19 - many surrounding communities have similarly witnessed a rising demand for life sciences developments all while the market for traditional Class A office space has soured.

For example, in neighboring Woburn, a Boston developer just obtained permission

from the city to convert a massive office park redevelopment of the old Kraft Foods site off of Montvale Avenue right by the Stoneham line into a life sciences campus on Corporate Drive by a myriad of newly constructed luxury compartments.

Last month, Stoneham's Planning Board had plenty of questions about the life sciences industry and whether the R&D redevelopment was suitable for the area.

Notably, besides sitting nearby a backup drinking water reservoir and a giant

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Scream' calls again, with plenty of self-mockery

By JAKE COYLE
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Ring. Ring. Twenty-six years after the original, "Scream" calls again. We're now up to the fifth film in the franchise, but the first since 2011's "Scream 4." Enough time has passed that this one, titled simply "Scream," bears no number, no caller ID. That's presumably because this "Scream," which features the original cast and introduces a new generation of callers and stabbers, is sequel and reboot in one. Or, as one character explicitly defines in "Scream," a "requel."

Part of the charm of the original "Scream," a glossy, couldn't-be-more-'90s slasher, was its knowability. Wes Craven's film, written by Kevin Williamson, made a



SCREAM QUEEN - Courteney Cox (above) reprises her reporter role in Paramount Pictures' "Scream". Twenty-six years ago the original got a big boost from the personalities of its performers, among them Neve Campbell, and David Arquette.

(Paramount Pictures via AP)

plaything of genre conventions by having the characters openly discuss horror tropes while also being bludgeoned by them. The bright idea of the new "Scream" is to double down on the meta.

Here, the long-running "Stab" movies — the fictional stand-in for the "Scream" franchise — is mocked as cheeseball shlock. In the movie's opening phone call, one that mirrors the call Drew Barrymore received in the original, Tara (Jenna Ortega) — after initially ignoring a strange call on "the landline" — tells the strange voice on the other end (again Roger Jackson, franchise MVP) that she prefers "elevated horror" like "The Babadook," "Hereditary" and "It Follows."

It's easy to chuckle (and agree) with such winking pronouncements. There's a lot of such self-referential jokes in the new "Scream." But that's about all there is.

What really is the legacy of "Scream"? Most, I suspect, hardly recall the three sequels. The original got a big boost from the personalities of its performers, among

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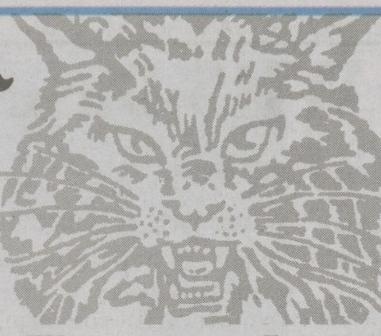
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Girls Track team defeats Melrose to finish dual meet season with 5-0 record

'Cats take home second straight league championship title

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BOSTON - For the second season in a row and third time in the history of the program, the Wilmington High School Girls Indoor Track-and-Field team celebrated with a league championship title last Thursday at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Wilmington, which finished 4-0 in the Fall-2 season which took place last March, previously won the first title in 2016, and now finish the regular season with a 5-0 record after a 60-40 win over Melrose.

"The girls were so excited. It was a culmination of everything they have done this season. They put in all of their hard work right from the start of the season," said assistant coach Joe Patrone.

On the night, Wilmington had eight first places and then five second and five third place finishes, with seven personal records and three state qualifying times. A pretty incredible night.

"Looking at the stats, their times and personal bests, they really came really fired up and prepared to do well in this meet. They did, they ran really great. Everyone competed well and it was well-deserved for them," said Patrone.

Two of the first places came from Celia Kulis, in the 55-meter hurdles (9.03) and then she cleared 5-1 for a personal best in the high jump.

"Celia has come a long way. She felt like she was the odd one out because Kayla (Flynn) and Mollie (Osgood) had both cleared five feet last year and Celia had done 4-11.50," said Patrone. "I knew that she could do



For the second year in a row, the WHS Indoor Track team captured the Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title, finishing the dual meet season with a 5-0 record including defeating Melrose last Thursday. (courtesy photo/Susan Kulis).

five feet and she did for the first time last week. Then she did five-feet (in this meet) and she was the only one left (competing) so she decided to go to 5-1, which I thought was a good idea and she cleared that. She then had three good jumps at 5-2 (but missed). The high jump was a big event for us. When I looked at the meet beforehand, I knew that they had a girl who could clear 5-2 so I was a bit pessimistic and thought we would take second and third and we ended up getting first and second."

A number of other girls also had big performances/overall meets. Flynn scored in three events, taking second in the high jump (4-10) and third in both the 55-meter hurdles

with a personal best time of 10.65 seconds and in the long jump, also a personal best jump of 14-02.50.

One of the bigger turning points of the meet came in the 600-meters when senior Angie Zaykovskaya was second with a personal best time of 1:45.48. She was pushed by teammate Emily Grace, who was fourth with a state qualifying time of 1:48.05, also a personal best.

"Melrose has some really good distance runners so from the 600 on up, they are very good and Angie ran really well (to take second). Although she didn't get a point, Emily Grace had a personal record by over a second and that was also a state qualifying time," said Patrone.

"Since I took over after Bill retired, I have been extremely lucky to have great assistant coaches

After that in the 1,000 meters, freshman Addy Hunt had a strong personal best time of 3:16.39, good for second place.

"It seems like every meet Addy Hunt puts it all together. She is such a talented young lady and that was a two second personal record for her in the 1,000 meters," said Patrone.

Senior Shea Cushing, who officially announced her commitment to run at UVM this past week, finished first in the two-mile at 12:17.00 and second in the mile at 5:36.90, a personal best.

Rounding out the individual performances included first places from Kaitlyn Doherty in the 55-meter dash (7.64) and Amanda Broussard in the 300 (43.95) and Sarah LaVita with a personal

best throw of two feet in the shot put at 33-05, a second place from Alison Doherty the dash at 7.89 seconds and then third places from Maddie Mulas in the dash (personal best time of 7.98), Molly MacDonald in the 300 (47.18) and Olivia Erler in the two-mile at 13:42.20.

The last ten points came from the two relay teams as both the 4x200 and 4x400 teams won. The 4x2 team consisted of Mulas, Alison Doherty, Nokomis Bramantecohen and Kaitlyn Doherty and they ran at 1:53.62 and then the 4x400 team was Zaykovskaya, Grace, Hunt and Broussard and they came in at 4:18.51, a state qualifying time.

Wilmington will try to keep the good ways going

as this Saturday morning they will compete in the Division 4 state relays to be held back at the RLC at 10 am.

"(Boys) Coach (Mike) Kinney and I have been looking at what we have for both boys and girls. A few years ago the boys came up a half-point away from winning it, losing to Burlington and then we lost a lot to graduation. For the girls, we think they have a legitimate chance of being up there as one of the top teams," said Patrone, while noting that the usual other strong teams include Pentucket, North Reading, Northhampton, NDA of Hingham and Tewksbury.

Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey coach in his 16th season

Baker nets his 200th career win

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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BILLERICA - When Chuck Baker took over as head coach of the Shawsheen Tech Hockey team for the 2006-07 season, he had some very big shoes to fill, taking over for the legendary Bill Gordon, who had won 373 games, numerous league titles and the 1984 state championship during his career as the Rams head coach. Gordon had also and had been elected to the Massachusetts High School Hockey Hall of Fame.

It was quite a standard to live up to, a nearly impossible one in fact. But nearly 16 years later, that is exactly what Baker has done, carving out a brilliant career of his own behind the Rams bench, leading Shawsheen to ten Commonwealth Athletic Conference titles and six state vocational titles, as well as a trip to the Division 3 state finals back in 2009.

And back on December 27, in a 5-4 overtime victory by the Rams over Westboro at North Star Arena, Baker added another chapter to his list of accomplishments when he captured his 200th career win at Shawsheen. Not that Baker actually knew it at the time. The veteran coach, far more focused on his team's success than his individual success, did not know until several days later

that he had reached the 200-win mark.

"It is a great honor to have reached this mile-

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Chuck Baker recently won his 200th game as the head coach of the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey program.

(photo by Bob DeChiara)

stone. I have to say it caught me a bit off guard as well though." Baker said. "I can remember looking back some years ago, hearing about other coaches reaching milestones like 200 wins and thinking 'man they have been at this for a long time. Now I'm there, so I guess I have been at it a while as well.'

and players. It is not only myself with the 200 wins, they have all been a huge part of it. It has been a full team effort and I am honored to not only reach the milestone of 200 but honored to have been able to coach so many great student athletes and to coach with some great assistants. They all deserve some credit as

Chuck Baker's year-to-year record

(The tournament records are included in the overall records).

Season	Overall Record	Tourney
2006-07	10-7-4	0-1
2007-08	14-7-0	0-1
2008-09	18-6-3	5-1*
2009-10	18-3-1	1-1
2010-11	18-5-1	2-1**
2011-12	12-5-3	0-1
2012-13	14-7-1	1-1
2013-14	12-10-0	1-1
2014-15	14-6-2	1-1
2015-16	9-7-4	2-1
2016-17	14-8-0	1-1
2017-18	13-8-0	0-1
2018-19	9-8-5	1-1
2019-20	14-7-1	1-1
2020-21	7-3-1	No Tourney
2021-22	6-2-0	??
Totals:	202-100-26	

*Lost in the Division 3 State Final; **Lost in the Division 3 North Sectional Final.

well."

Baker also credits Gordon with getting him started in the right direction in his coaching career, having spent six years on his coaching staff before taking over as head coach.

"Coaching with Bill was great, he was still coaching the old school way so I bought in right away. I learned that you can, and must depend on your assistants," Baker said. "One day, early in my career, he gave me responsibility of running the power play. He would allow me to run the defense during a game and coach them up at practice. With this I learned, you are the head coach, but you can't do it

all. Have faith in your

assistants and give them responsibility and I do that today. Another huge lesson learned is if your passion for the game is dwindling, it is time to step away. The kids need to be directed by people with passion for the sport."

Baker still has that great passion for the sport, which comes as no surprise to Shawsheen Athletic Director Al Costabile, who hired Baker for his first coaching job at Shawsheen, as an assistant coach for Costabile's football team back in 1998, which was also Costabile's first year with the Rams. Costabile has great respect for Baker's coaching style.

"Chuck is a great coach. He coaches with passion, and I am not surprised at the success he has had," Costabile said. "He followed a Hall of Fame coach and that is not an easy thing to do, but Chuck was familiar with the culture of the program after being an assistant."

"He has a great knowledge base of coaching and of the game of hockey. He sometimes puts some tough love into his coaching and that is a really big thing in a physical sport like hockey. You need that."

Baker came to Shawsheen in the fall of 1998 after graduating from Salem State in earl-

The Town Crier's All-Time WHS Baseball Team - Part 1

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As promised in last week's edition, I have finally put together the All-Time WHS Baseball team ... except, the talent was so deep, that I elected to divide the team into two. The first group listed below consists of the top 21 players ranging from 1937 to 1971, and next week the second part will feature about 25 of the top players from 1972 to the present, totally 46 players.

On this list below, of the 22 players, 14 are members of the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame, while a large handful of these selected players went on to some kind of great collegiate and/or professional tryout/career.

Here's the team:

WILLIAM "EARL" BALDWIN, 1955

Baldwin was a standout southpaw pitcher at WHS, who as a freshman, was one of the team's strongest pitchers, helping the 'Cats capture a league championship title. The other three years the teams were not that successful, although he was still the team's ace on the mound. He was an outstanding athlete which included playing football, hockey and basketball.



In 1956, he was signed by the Red Sox and dressed two games for the Lafayette Red Sox of the Midwest D League but didn't appear in any games.

After his baseball career ended, he became the President of Baldwin Crane & Equipment Corporation.

JOE BEATON, 1961

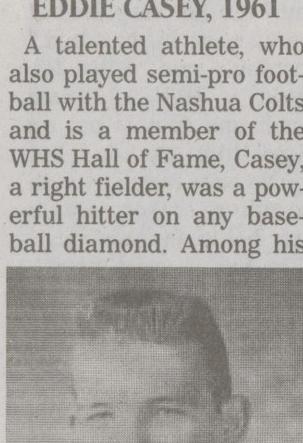
One of the more consistent hitters and players on the success of those teams in the early 60s, Beaton was a key player in the 'Cats league championship season of 1961, which included losing to Woburn in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.



A first baseman, Beaton led the '61 team in hitting with a .382 clip. Later on he came back to WHS as a longtime assistant coach, mostly in football.

EDDIE CASEY, 1961

A talented athlete, who also played semi-pro football with the Nashua Colts and is a member of the WHS Hall of Fame, Casey, a right fielder, was a powerful hitter on any baseball diamond. Among his



highlights included belting a home run in a 16-3 win over Swampscott in the first round of the state tournament. That team featured Billy and Tony Conigliaro.

PETER EMERY, 1965

A four-year starter at shortstop, including his freshman year when the 'Cats reached the state final, Emery is regarded as one of the top position players of his generation.

After high school, he



went and played at Colby College in Maine, batted .343 and was named to the All-Maine Collegiate team, before he signed to play one season of minor league ball in the Red Sox organization.

Emery is a member of the WHS Hall of Fame.

AL ETHIER, 1952

Another outstanding three-sport athlete of his generation who played four years on the diamond, Ethier was a two-way threat between hitting and pitching on the championship team of 1952. At the plate, he batted over .400 and almost every single game he had multiple hits.

As a pitcher, he finished



4-1, which included tossing a 2-0 complete game (9 innings back then) 1-hit shut out over previously unbeaten Punckard High. That performance was his second straight complete game, while he has given up one run over 19 innings of work. Besides pitching, he also played right field.

After the completion of the '52 season, Ethier, along with teammate Jere Melzar, were invited to the Yankee School tryout.

KEVIN FIELD, 1962

Part of the Big-3 along with Rick Froton and Jeff Williamson, Field was a tremendous all-around athlete, also excelling in football. In baseball, he was a three-year starter and is regarded as one of the top pitchers in the history of the program. As a



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junior, he batted .328 and helped the 'Cats win the Lowell Suburban League Championship title for the first time.

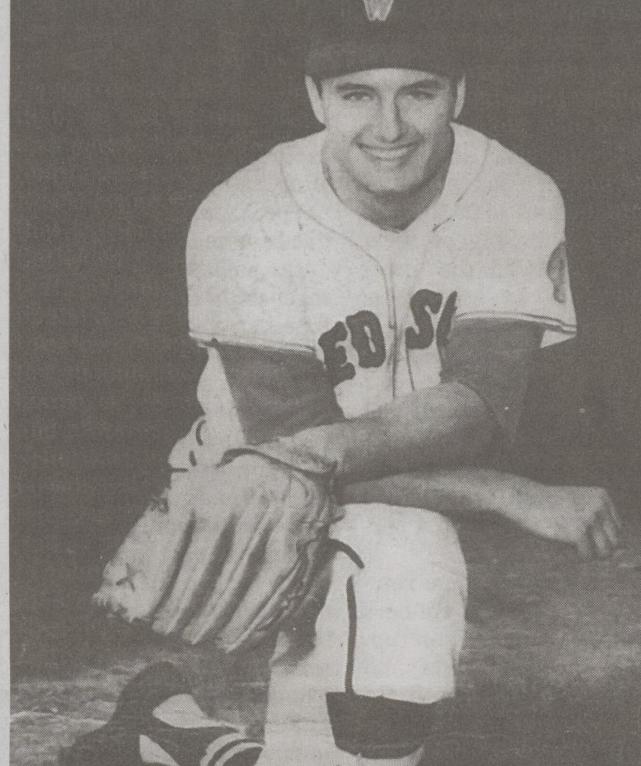
The following year as a senior, he again led the team to the league title, and pitched a 5-0 state tournament victory over Newburyport and followed that up with a win over Cathedral, helping the team reach the state finals, losing to Randolph. Besides his dominance on the mound, he was also one heck of a shortstop and hitter.

He was named to the Lowell Suburban All-Star team, the Boston Globe and Travelers All-Scholastic Honorable Mention teams two years straight.

After WHS, he went on to have a brilliant career at Northeastern University, going undefeated as a starter and a reliever, and helped the Huskies reach the College World Series.

RICK FROTON, 1962

In all due respect to the many other pitchers on this list, Froton is the best hurler to ever play at WHS. He finished his career 23-3, including 8-2 record during his senior year, with two no-hitters.



Rick Froton during his days pitching in the Red Sox minor league system.

He became the first pitcher to toss a no-hitter since Joe Woods in 1940 and remains the only pitcher in program history to toss two no-hitters in the same season. In the home win no-hitter against Methuen, he struck out 11 batters.

Later in the season he had 14 strikeouts in a 10-3 win over Chelmsford. Then in the playoffs, he outdueled Woburn's Eddie Foley (who was 5-0 at the time) with a 6-4 victory, with 15 strikeouts, including the final five of the game. Froton also picked up the save against Cathedral, only to come back the next day and lose the heartbreaking game to Randolph.

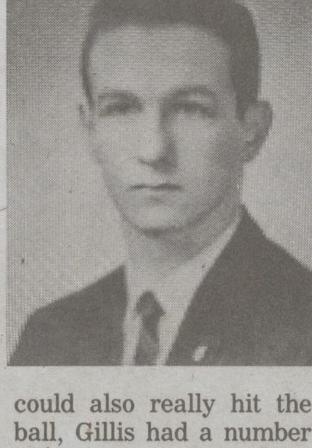
Froton was then signed by the Red Sox and went on to pitch for the Wellsville Red Sox of the New York Penn League, Single-A Affiliate team before suffering some arm injuries to force his

retirement.

JIM GILLIS, 1963

One of the all-time greatest athletes to ever wear a WHS uniform, Gillis was an outstanding baseball player, who was a key component in the team's two straight league championship titles, including reaching the state final in '62.

A third baseman, who



could also really hit the ball, Gillis had a number of big hits in the team's deep state tournament run.

After high school, he

played both baseball and football at Springfield College, went on to play seven years in semi-professional baseball. He came back to WHS to first coach the '77 team to the Eastern Mass semi-final game before taking over



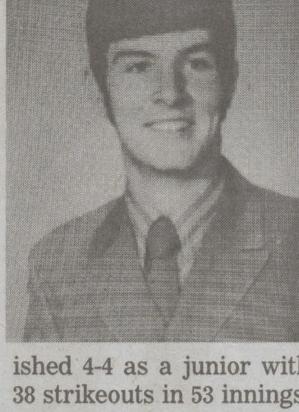
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and outfielder. He had the program record for strikeouts as a pitcher during his senior year and was regarded as an excellent hitter.

BILL GUSTUS, 1971

A crafty southpaw, who pitched more to contact, Gustus was instrumental in the team's league championship season of 1971, the first in nine years. That senior year he finished the regular season with a 5-2 record, tossing seven complete games. In 48 innings, he struck out 35.

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FRANK HADLEY, 1937

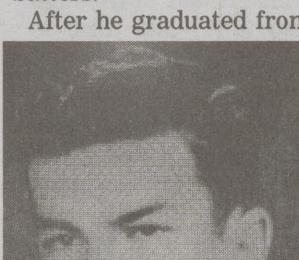
At 5-feet-11 inches, Hadley was a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher in the mid to late 1930s. He was named the Most Outstanding player of the 'Cats during his senior season and was one of the first members inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame.

After high school, he

was scouted by Red Sox, but ended up playing in the Washington Senators organization, including finishing 13-5 and a 2.45 ERA for the Chattanooga Lookouts, which competed at Level-B at the time.

GERRY O'REILLY, 1951

One of the first inductees into the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame, O'Reilly was one of the more feared power hitters in the league and in program history. A first baseman, he hit at least four home runs during the '51 season, which included three in one game, a 12-0



semi-pro with the Indians organization. From there, he played both baseball and fast pitch softball for years, an incredible accomplishment. In baseball, he played 13 years for the Chiefs of the Intercity League. He was inducted into the Intercity Baseball League's Hall of Fame in 2011.

TEX JOHNSTON, 1948

A massive person with giant hands, Johnston, who has been said to have hit moon shots as a batter, was also a fireball pitcher. In 1948, he finished the season with a 10-4 record, including striking out 101 batters.

After he graduated from



WHS, he played for the Ramblers, a semi-pro team at the time and also had a tryout with the Red Sox but blew out his arm. He is a member of the WHS Hall of Fame.

TED KAMBOUR, 1951

A hard throwing pitcher, Kambour had many dominating performances in the early 50's, usually with 10 or more strikeouts, including 13 in a big win over Johnson during '51 season.

After WHS, Kambour played at Amherst College and then went on to pitch for three years for the Yakima Bears, an affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. In 1958 he became one of the few pitchers to throw a perfect game, against Salem. He was a captain at Amherst and also served in the Peace Corps.

JERE MELZAR, 1952

One of the best athletes at WHS during his generation, also excelling in football and hockey, Melzar, a third baseman, a mainstay with team for several seasons, batted over .400 during his senior year with four home runs as he helped the Wildcats capture the league championship.

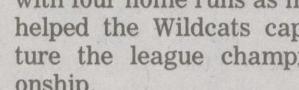
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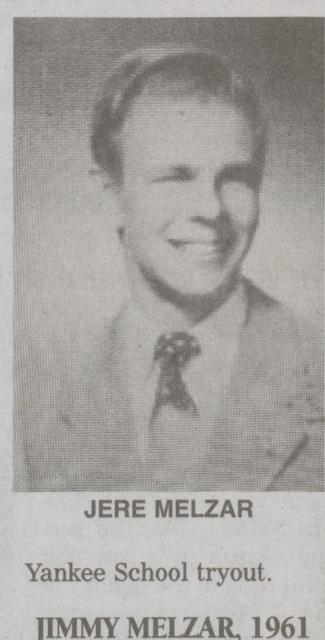
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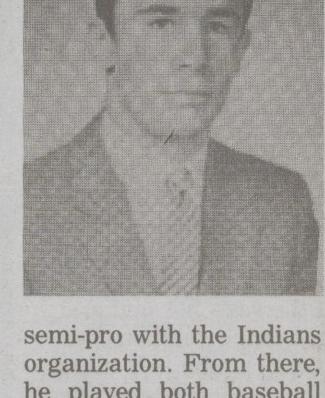
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led the team in hitting as a senior.

ARTHUR SPEAR, 1949

Considered one of the all-time greatest pure athletes of his generation, Spear, a member of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame, was the first WHS catcher to play all four years and was also a big

baseball with the Indians organization. From there, he played both baseball and fast pitch softball for years, an incredible accomplishment. In baseball, he played 13 years for the Chiefs of the Intercity League. He was inducted into the Intercity Baseball League's Hall of Fame in 2011.

Yankee School tryout.

BASEBALL B3W

All-Time Baseball team

FROM B2W

reason why the team enjoyed a league championship title in 1947.

ERVYL STEWART, 1942

Another tremendous multi-sport athlete who is a member of the WHS Hall of Fame, Stewart nicknamed "Terrible Turk" was a first baseman.



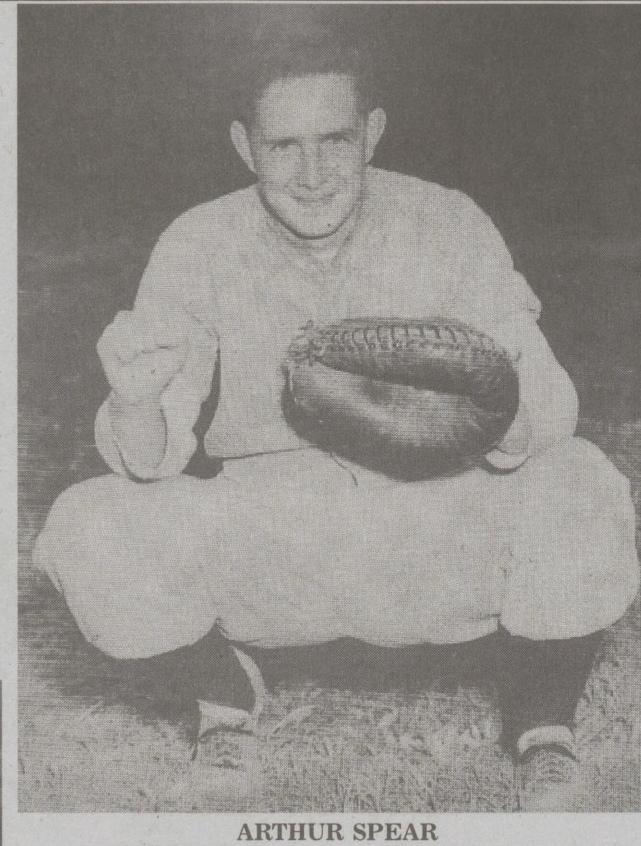
He was regarded as the team's best defensive player as well as best hitter, and was also known as the league's best all-around player. He was named to the All-Suburban Team in 1942.

JEFF WILLIAMSON, 1963

The third member of the 'Big Three', Williamson was part of that championship season in '62, but got sick and didn't participate in the team's tournament run to the state final.

He had several huge wins that season including a ten-strikeout performance in a 14-1 win over Burlington, and a six-strikeout performance in a gritty, 3-2 win over Billerica. He returned as the team's ace pitcher the following year as a senior.

After high school, Williamson went on to pitch four years at



ARTHUR SPEAR

Springfield College before signing on with the Baltimore Orioles organization. From 1968-'70, he played his first two years at Level-A Miami and then split between A-AA in his final year.

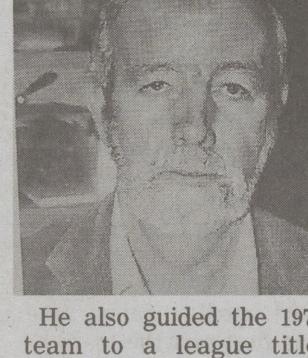
JOE WOODS, 1940

One of the most dominating pitchers of his time, Woods played all four years in baseball as well as three years of football, two years of basketball and two years of hockey. In baseball, he was mostly known for his no-hitter, nine strikeout game against Tewksbury.



COACH: JOE GILLIGAN

Gilligan started his 18-year coaching career at WHS in 1956 and captured three league championship titles, five state tournament appearances, and was the leader of the 1961 and '62 teams that are among the best teams in program history. The '62 team reached the state championship game losing to Randolph by a run, coming in the last of the ninth inning.



He also guided the 1971 team to a league title, which he later said was among his top achievements.

Gilligan coached a number of players who played at the professional level, including pitchers Rick Froton and Jeff Williamson, among others.

Central Catholic puts an end to Girls Hockey team's winning streak

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STONEHAM -- After winning three straight, including back-to-back overtime games, the Stoneham-Wilmington girl's hockey team suffered a setback when the 6-1 Central Catholic Raiders paid a visit on Monday afternoon.

On the strength of a pair of goals from sniper Megan Malolepszy, one each in the first and third periods, Central Catholic dealt their host a heart-breaking 2-1 defeat. S-W, meanwhile, could only come up a fluke goal midway through the game.

With the loss, Stoneham-Wilmington fell to 3-5 overall with a pair of difficult opponents on the horizon for next week. It wasn't lost on co-coach John Lapiana that his club, evenly-matched with Catholic, conceded an opportunity to finally reach .500 hockey. He credited their goaltender, Cara Kuczek, who was accomplished well beyond her 15 years.

"Their goaltender did a really good job, particularly toward the end of the game," said Lapiana. "Not to take anything away from her but a lot of shots were right on the goalie. You're not going to score goals by shooting pucks into her midsection."

Nearly two weeks ago, Stoneham-Wilmington outlasted Burlington in overtime, 4-3, on a pair of Lily MacKenzie goals, one to tie the game and the other to win it. A week later, after a postponement of a game scheduled with Pope Francis, the S-W girls returned to the ice and repeated their overtime heroics with a 3-2 sudden win over Wakefield.

"We went into the overtime, skating four-on-four, and we stressed playing area rather than position," recalled Lapiana. "The emphasis was to play the five-minute overtime in Wakefield's end as much as humanly possible. Ava Krasco circled

the net with the puck, spotted Kaylee Cronin wide open on the goalie's weak side. Krasco slid it to her and Kaylee buried it for the win."

Lapiana agreed that Stoneham's Cronin, who currently leads the team in scoring with 10-points (6 goals, 4 assists) has made great strides with her offensive contribution.

While S-W and Catholic were skating even, each with a fair share of offensive visits and chances, it was the Raiders emerging one goal better at 11:10 of the first period. Malolepszy, who had speed to spare, carried along the right wing and gained the zone. She turned and closed on the net, firing a hard, rising wrister.

Stoneham-Wilmington's topnotch goalie, Maddie Sainato, squared to the shooter and had the angle but the shot broke off her pads and tumbled into the net.

Back-to-back power plays later in the first did little to help the S-W cause as Kuczek stonewalled the press for an equalizer. MacKenzie had a nice bid from the top of the left circle and Gabby Daniels nearly knocked in the follow-up, but the goalie stood her ground, preserving the lead.

Soon after play resumed for the middle frame, MacKenzie was back, stick-handling past a pair of defenders and shooting, only to be denied by a quick glove.

At 4:26, Stoneham-Wilmington finally knotted the game off a draw.

Winning the face-off in the circle to Kuczek's left, Krasco wasted little time sending the puck toward the net. Sailing waist-high, it banked off a Central Catholic defenseman, and the trajectory carried it in. The score gave credence to frequent urgings from hockey coaches to just fling it at the net and hope for a little puck-luck. Krasco, with the unassisted tally, is now tied for second in scoring with 9-points (2-goals, 7-assists).

At first glance, the Raiders seemed very adept at blocking shots and stealing pucks in their defensive zone. But while this was a factor, Lapiana attributed it somewhat to a failure on the part of his players. While S-W put 32-shots on net, there were many others that never reached their intended destination.

"Part of what we try to emphasize is picking your head up before you decide where you're going with the puck," the coach explained. "When we're able to do that, we're able to get pucks through. But if you send it before making certain of where the lanes are, then shots will be blocked."

Sainato faced 27-shots in all and did an exemplary job. Unfortunately, early in the third period, she yielded a second time to Malolepszy. With heavy action in front, Sainato stopped three straight bids and tried to drop to secure a loose puck. Malolepszy got to it first, however, and lifted it over the prone netminder for the eventual game-winning goal.

"Maddie is fabulous, every time," said Lapiana. "If a puck goes through, she beats herself up over it. But she shouldn't. She literally keeps us in every game, including this one. She's fundamentally sound, always squared to the puck. She makes all the saves she's supposed to make and many others she's not supposed to make."

With 1:22 remaining in the game, S-W traded Sainato for an extra attacker and it almost panned out. But Kuczek reserved her best for last, making some amazing stops to preserve the win.

"Plain and simple, when we had the puck at our blue line, we didn't get it out and when we had it at their blue line, we turned it over," said Lapiana. "We have to get back to fundamentals, stop doing the stuff that doesn't work, and start doing the things that we're coaching."

Baker nets his 200th career win

FROM B1W

er that year. The 1993 Haverhill High graduate had originally attended Merrimack College from 1993 to 1995, before transferring to Salem State. Baker had played both football and hockey and high school before focusing solely on hockey at Merrimack and Salem State. He actually had an injury waiver where he could have played one more year of college hockey, but he instead chose to start his career in education, becoming a physical education teacher at Shawsheen that fall, and he has never looked back.

And that goes for not only hockey, but for lacrosse as well, where he has also served as head coach since 2006, taking over for Costabile at the time. He had been Costabile's assistant since the beginning of the program 2003. Baker has been equally as successful with the lacrosse program, going 157-54 from 2011-2020 alone and winning eight league titles during that span.

All of that winning makes him a very successful coach, and also a very busy man. It can definitely be a challenge to balance teaching, coaching and family, and Baker is grateful for the support he gets at home.

"It is a struggle sometimes. I spend a lot of time out of the house and on the road, my wife has to hold the fort down for a few months," Baker said. "Having a son away at Prep School playing hockey and lacrosse, another son playing hockey and a daughter who is trying out everything, we as a family stay busy. I try to make everything and sometimes it just can't happen."

"Those times hit home, but my kids know how pas-

sionate I am about coaching and I hope that my passion for it will wear off on them as one of many qualities to have."

There have been many great memories over the course of his coaching career for Baker, but it would be hard to top the Rams run to the Division 3 state championship game in 2009. While the Rams fell just short of their ultimate goal, losing 3-2 to Shrewsbury in a great game at what was then TD Banknorth Garden, it was a season that Baker will always remember fondly.

"That season was amazing. The kids worked harder than any team I have coached," Baker said. "We had a great mix of upper-classmen and underclassmen. They showed up every day to work and were amazing student athletes to coach. To go through the Division 3 North and surprise teams like Marblehead, Concord-Carlisle in the North final,

beat Norwell in the Eastern Mass final at Harvard and play in the Garden was amazing. It was surreal, and all in my third season as head coach."

As much as Baker loves hockey and loves coaching, even he couldn't have envisioned having such a long and successful career for the Rams. But he also has no plans on giving up that career any time soon.

"Absolutely not, I did not envision this," Baker said. "I knew I was passionate about coaching and enjoy going to the rink each day, but I never was thinking about the success level. I have experienced so much coaching these student athletes at Shawsheen. They, or we might not always be the most talented but we will out work you and play with heart and pride. I look forward to continuing here for as long as I still have the fire to do so."

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Jeff Williamson during his Springfield College days.

All-Time WHS Baseball Team - Part 1

Player	Pos	YOG
Earl Baldwin	P	1955
Joe Beaton	1B	1961
Eddie Casey	OF	1961
Peter Emery	SS	1965
Al Ethier	P/OF	1952
Kevin Field	P/SS	1962
Rick Froton	P	1962
Jim Gillis	3B	1962
Robert Goss	P/OF	1950
Bill Gustus	P	1971
Frank Hadley	P	1937
Tex Johnston	P	1948
Ted Kambour	P	1951
Jere Melzar	3B	1952
Jimmy Melzar	SS	1961
Gerry O'Reilly	1B	1951
Bill Ritchie	P	1965
Arthur Spear	C	1949
Ervyl Stewart	1B	1942
Jeff Williamson	P	1963
Joe Woods	P	1940

Coach: Joe Gilligan

Finally back in the pool, Boys team splits pair of CAL Meets

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After several meets had been cancelled, the Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op Boys swim team was back in action this past week with two meets, picking up their first victory of the season with a 75-54 victory over Hamilton-Wenham and then they came back the next day and were defeated by Triton Regional, 51-38.

In the win against H-W, the 200-yard medley relay team started things off strong by taking first and third. Spencer Bagtaz, Ethan Ryan, Dat Tran, Jonathan Mangano got a time of 1:56:83, and Dyan Tran, Ivan Deiko, Aryan Patil, and Siddharth Karani got a time of 2:24:72.

Bagtaz claimed first in the 200-freestyle going 2:18:18. Patil came in third with a time of 2:59:44.

Winning first place in the 200-individual medley, Captain Ethan Ryan got a time of 2:14:35.

In the 50-freestyle, Tyler Sheehan finished at 27:63 for second place and Jonathan Mangano came in third at 29:34.

Dat Tran added to their wins by coming in first place in the 100-butterfly with a time of 1:04:46. Deiko placed second in the 100-freestyle going a 1:05:95 and Mangano came in close behind going a time of 1:09:24 to take third.

The 500-freestyle was dominated by Ryan who got a time of 5:55:06 coming in first place. Siddharth Karani got a time of 8:20:52 to claim third.

In the 200-freestyle relay Patil, Deiko, Karani, and Mangano took first, swimming a time of 2:04:81.

In the 100-backstroke Bagtaz claimed first place, while, Dat Tran took first in the 100-breaststroke, and Deiko placed third.

In the final race of the night, the boys took home first and third in the 400-freestyle relay. Tyler Sheehan, Spencer Bagtaz, Dat Tran, and Ethan Ryan got a time of 3:59:75, and Matthew Villalta Dylan Tran, Mantydas Banevicius, and Moaid Said got a time of 5:57:78.

In the meet against Triton, the meet again started off with the 200-medley relay race and the team of Spencer Bagtaz, Ethan Ryan, Dat Tran, and Tyler Sheehan came in second place with a time of 1:55:81.

In addition, Bagtaz claimed second in the 200-freestyle and Mangano claimed third, going times of 2:16:72 and 2:39:95 respectively.

In the 200-individual medley Ethan Ryan came in first place with a time of 2:11:82, also qualifying for the Division 2 state championship meet.

On top of qualifying for the state championships in the 200-IM, Ryan also

qualified for the states in the 100-breaststroke. His time of 1:05:66 won him first place.

Deiko came in third in the 100-breaststroke a time of 1:31:89 and Dat Tran came in third place in the 200-IM, getting a time of 2:32:92.

Tyler Sheehan finished second place in the 50-freestyle with a time of 27:79.

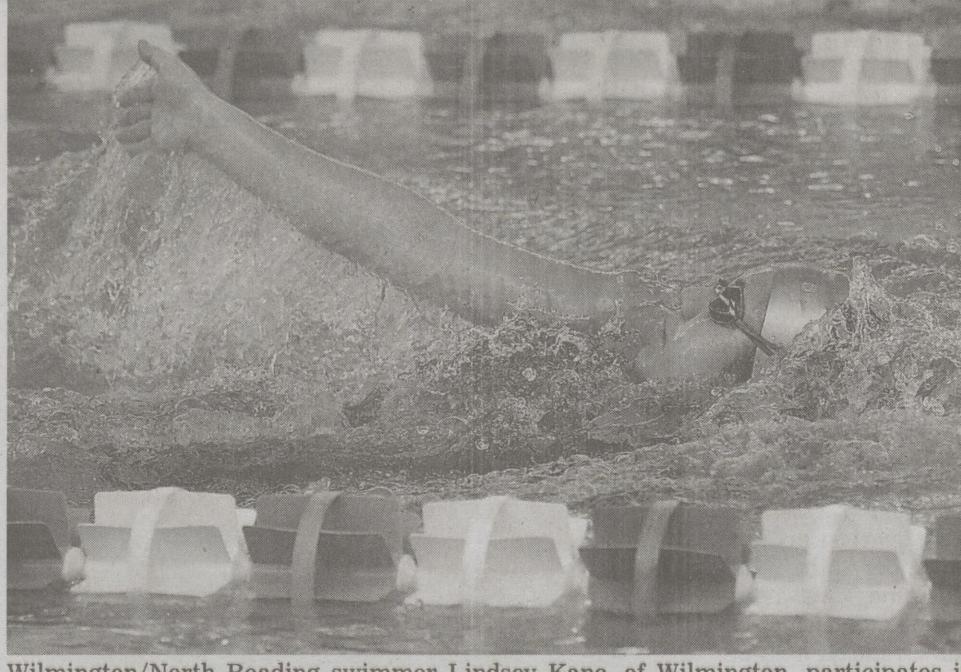
In the 100-freestyle Deiko placed second capturing a time of 1:06:56 and after that, Bagtaz claimed second in the 100-backstroke with a time of 1:06:09.

The 200-freestyle relay took third place with Deiko, Patil, Karani, and Mangano with a time of 2:01:56.

Finishing off the night with the 400-freestyle relay, Sheehan, Dat Tran, Bagtaz, and Ryan won first place, getting a time of 3:59:92.

"I am very proud of how the boys did these past two days," said head coach Sue Hunter. "I am especially proud of Ethan Ryan for qualifying in both of his individual events for the state championship meet."

Wilmington/North Reading will again have back-to-back meets this week against Austin Prep on Friday and then Manchester-Essex on Saturday and will keep up the busy schedule with an away meet next Wednesday at Ipswich.



Wilmington/North Reading swimmer Lindsey Kane, of Wilmington, participates in the 200-medley relay, doing her part in the backstroke during an earlier season meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

And Girls come away with two victories over HW and Triton

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Just like the boys team, the Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op girls' swim team was back in action for the first time after a three week break and took on two Cape Ann League rivals this past Thursday and Friday.

In the first one, the Wild Hornets came away with a thrilling 89-78 win and the next day, Triton Regional got the better end of the meet, winning 49-41.

"The girls are doing great so far this season," said head coach Sue Hunter. "I am excited to see what they will accomplish in the next couple of weeks."

In the H-W meet, the 200-yard medley relay race was first and the team of Maddie Koenig, Kelly Crossan, captain Nicole Steinmeyer, captain Melanie Feffer took first place, while Anna Germano, Katherine Murphy, Priscilla Vo, and Alyssa Stack took third.

In the 200-freestyle, Lauren Feffer placed first with a time of 2:22:14.

Captain Steinmeyer placed third in the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:33:50.

Maddie Koenig took first and Melanie Feffer took second in the 50-freestyle with times of 27:75 and 27:97 respectively.

The 100-butterfly was dominated by Steinmeyer

with a time of 1:11:91.

The girls placed second and third in the 100-freestyle. Lauren Feffer finished with a time of 1:03:70 and Kelly Crossan with a time of 1:03:95.

In the 500-freestyle Maddie Koenig came in first place with a time of 6:21:30.

The 200-freestyle relay finished with both first and second places. In first place, Kelly Crossan, Lindsey Kane, Lauren Feffer, and Melanie Feffer swam a time of 1:56:66. In second place was Julia Kane, Gillian Kane, captain Shae Fitzgerald, and Cassie Tibbets with a time of 2:14:00.

Melanie Feffer claimed second place in the 100-backstroke, getting a time of 1:15:02.

In the 100-breaststroke, Crossan placed second with a time of 1:17:83 and Kiera Lord took third.

The last event of the

meet, the 400-freestyle relay team took second place with Nicole Steinmeyer, Lindsey Kane,

Laura Feffer, and Maddie Koenig getting a

time of 4:16:10.

After a big win on Thursday, the girls unfortunately lost on Friday to the Vikings.

Nicole Steinmeyer, Maddie Koenig, Kelly Crossan, and Melanie Feffer opened the first event, the 200-medley relay, with a time of 2:07:48 taking second place.

Lauren Feffer claimed first in her 200-freestyle with a time of 2:22:12.

Crossan finished in second place in the 200-individual medley finishing with a time of 2:39:36.

Lindsey Kane got a time

of 29:73 in the 50-freestyle taking third place.

Steinmeyer placed second and Melanie Feffer came close behind in third for the 100-butterfly.

Maddie Koenig swam to a first place finish in the 100-freestyle getting a time of 1:00:88 and Lauren Feffer claimed third with a time of 1:03:72.

In the 500-freestyle, Caroline Schladenhauzen got a 7:21:48 taking third.

The girls' 200-freestyle relay claimed second

place with Lindsey Kane,

Lauren Feffer, Crossan,

and Steinmeyer getting a

time of 2:14:00.

In the 100-backstroke, Koenig took second and Melanie Feffer took third with times of 1:07:17 and 1:12:52.

Crossan took first place in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:19:75 and Steinmeyer took third with a time of 1:23:64.

In the last event of the

night, the 400-freestyle relay with Koenig, Melanie Feffer, Lindsey Kane, and Lauren Feffer claimed first with a time of 4:22:85.



Aryan Patel of Wilmington, competes in the 200 freestyle during an earlier Wild Hornets swim meet held at the Reading YMCA. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Cella takes third at the Woburn Invitational

Wrestling team competitive against the powerful D1 programs

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WOBURN - A week ago, the Wilmington High School Wrestling team combined to go 4-0, which brought their record to 6-3 on the season. This past week the good fortunes continued as the 'Cats ended in a tie in their league meet against Watertown and followed that up with a 12th place performance - despite being extremely short-handed - at a tremendously competitive Woburn Invitational, which featured a large number of outstanding Division 1 programs.

Perennial D1 state contender St. John's Prep won the meet with 278.5 points, completely blowing away the rest of the field. Andover was second with 169 points, followed by Minnechaug Regional, Bridgewater-Raynham and Newton South. Wilmington finished with 39 points.

"We wrestled really tough in a really tough invitational meet, with a lot of great teams," said first-year head coach Peter Mitchell. "We had a few guys out of the line-up and we were already missing three weight classes (because we don't have anyone for those spots). We had two other guys who had medical defaults, so we were a little shorthanded."

Only one grappler

placed and that was Julien Cella at 138 pounds as he finished in third place. Two other guys finished 2-2 on the day, another went 1-2 and four others went 0-2. Cella was certainly the highlight. He first pinned Andover's Henry Prussman at 1:58 and then lost to Belmont's Nadim Bashady in a close 3-2 decision. After that Cella won his next four matches, all out of the consolation bracket with decisions over Alexander Heim of Nashoba Regional (2-0), Chuck Mercuri of Chelmsford (9-1), Victor Majias of St. John's Prep (6-0) before pinning Lowell's Hussein Alabandi at the 4:12 mark.

"Julien looked like he took a step up this weekend with his wrestling," said Mitchell. "I have really been impressed with how far he has come and how hard he has worked. He is really wrestling well right now. He is in the weight room all of the time. He's just so funky and it's hard to explain. He's like that (former standout wrestler) Roman Walsh type where he's just so hard-nosed, so tough and you can't put the kid on his back. He's strong as an ox. To go against some of the competition that he did, a number of kids from Division 1 programs, should really help him (moving forward)."

Both Luke Vitale (126) and Marcello Misuraca (182) finished 2-2 on the day. Vitale pinned Kylerna of Agawam at the 55 second mark and then lost to Brendan Delaney of Braintree by pin. After that Vitale rallied back to beat Bridgewater-Raynham's Brendan Rosher, 10-2, before losing a close decision, 7-5 to Nashoba's Dylan Brown.

Misuraca was pinned by the No. 1 ranked kid in the state in his 182-pound class, Joshua Cordio of Nashoba, before rallying back himself to win the next two, both by pins over Belmont's Nate Hartley at 2:16 and Woburn's Justin Servelian at 3:23. In his last match, Misuraca was pinned by Newton North's Ian Cotter at the 1:25 mark.

"Luke Vitale looked really good and Marcello Misuraca wrestled the number one kid in the state (in his weight class). That kid was a beast, my goodness, just huge, huge. Marcello lost there but had a real strong day finishing 2-2," said Mitchell.

At 220 pounds, Dempsey Murphy finished 1-2 which included pinning Chelmsford's Ian Mwang at the 2:29 mark. Brian Duggan (145), Adam LeBlanc (152), Mohamed Said (160) and Elijah Valdivieso (285) all finished 0-2.

"Adam LeBlanc had easily the toughest weight class on the day. There were some tough, tough kids there, including the number one kid in the

the 'Cats ended in a 42-42 tie with Watertown, bringing the team's record to 6-3-1 overall. The Wildcats had four forfeit losses, while Watertown had one, with Cella winning at 138.

Wilmington then had six pin victories, five of them under a minute including Vitale at 26 seconds, LeBlanc at 30 seconds, Duggan at 55 seconds, Said at 41 seconds and Valdivieso also at 41 seconds.

Elijah Valdivieso had a big win for us at heavyweight. He bumped up from 220 pounds to wrestle their heavyweight, who weighed 270 pounds. His match was the biggest performance of the night.

"Captain Luke Vitale at 126 started us off with a quick pin. Brian Duggan had another big win at 145. Adam LeBlanc is back in and looking like he hadn't missed a beat. Mohamed Said won his match by pin at 160. Jack Rooney pinned his opponent in the first period," said Mitchell.

Rooney pinned Stefano Salvucci at the 1:22 mark to round out the wins.

Wilmington faced Arlington on Wednesday with results not known as of press time and then will travel to Wakefield on Saturday morning.

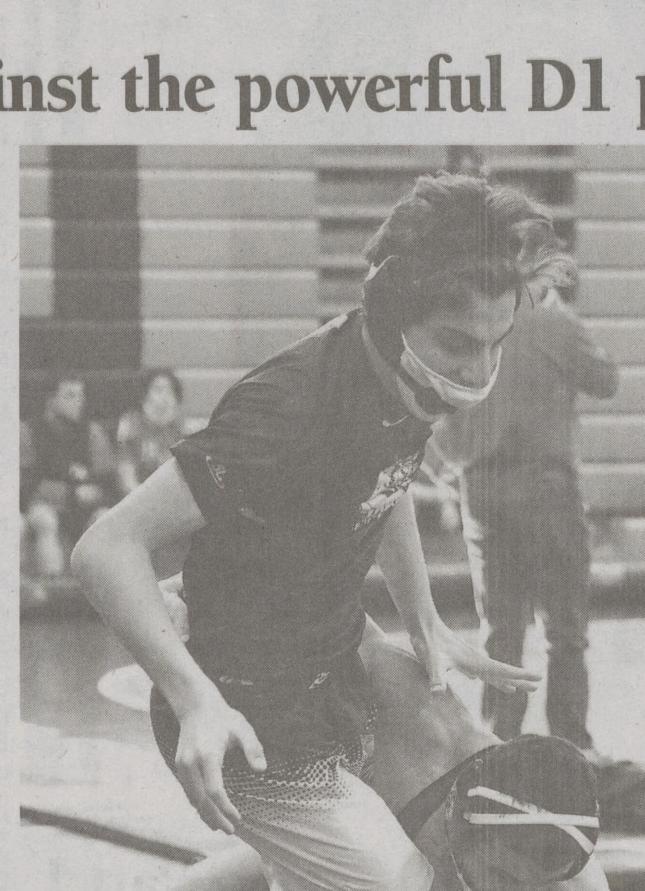
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Wilmington High wrestler Mohamed Said matches up with Chelmsford's Michael Hennessey during Saturday's Woburn Invitational Meet

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wildcats scoring drought ends with 7-0 win over Matignon

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Desperately needing a win to get back on track and stop the nosebleed of a four-game losing streak, the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team traveled to Stoneham on Monday night to take on a Matignon team that had just 12 skaters in a non-league contest.

After skating to a scoreless first period with the shots even at 5-5, the 'Cats decided it was time to play. Wilmington scored five goals in the second period, including the first four coming within a 6:23 timeframe, all while outshooting the Warriors 27-3, which was more than enough to skate off the arena with a convincing 7-0 victory.

The win puts Wilmington at 4-7 overall on the season, but have a 1-7 league record with the lone 'W' coming against Burlington, while falling to Reading, Winchester, Arlington, Winfield, Stoneham and then Watertown and Melrose, which came before Monday's contest.

"We needed a game like this because we have been having trouble scoring. The first period was terrible - the shots were 5-4. We said to them 'come on, let's get going'. I think for a lot of them and I've said this a thousand times (with other teams in the past) is the (players) don't train (in the off-season) so when game ten comes, they hit the wall."

"Right now I've got four kids out with COVID, so we're going to take a couple of days off so we'll have a break but we have Woburn and Belmont coming up and we need to give them both a game. You've go to skate with those teams and you get (state tournament) points for that."

The third period was slow, sloppy on both ends and a lot of neutral zone play and icings. The

bright spot for Wilmington was the team's third line consisting of Michael Sullivan, Ryan Hayden and Casey Robbins, who had two solid scoring chances, and all three of them seemed to be in the right position in all three zones.

"That third line was patched together (for this game) and they did play well. I've got four kids out, so we had to juggle things around, but now it's onward and upward," said Scanlon.

Five players combined for all five goals and combined for 17 points on the night. Brian Barry and Nate Alberti both had a goal and three assists each, while Michael Daniels had two goals and two assists. Matt Vinal had a goal and two helpers and captain Luke Murphy scored his first goal of the season and also added an assist. Owen White also collected an assist.

Liam Crowley (2 periods, 7 saves) and Justin Finnegan (1 period, 5 saves) combined for the team's second shut out of the season.

In the team's two earlier games, the 'Cats were defeated by Watertown 4-1 last Thursday with Barry netting the only goal and then were edged out by Melrose, 3-2, on Saturday.

White and Alberti scored the goals, while, Daniels picked up two assists and Murphy and Bobby Cyr had one each.

"(Against Melrose) we carried play and we made two critical defensive mistakes (and we lost). We outshot them and we were the better team. Against Watertown, I thought the same kind of thing. It's inconsistent work rate at times and inconsistent execution. When we're working hard, we don't execute," said Scanlon.

Wilmington will travel to face Woburn on Saturday afternoon for a noon contest before coming home to face Belmont next Wednesday for an 8 pm start.



In the first WHS Gymnastics Meet in over 20 years, held last Wednesday at Reading High, Emily Provost of Wilmington had an incredible day, including scoring a very impressive 9.2 on the uneven parallel bars.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

First gymnastics meet in 20-plus years brings in impressive scores

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READING - After 20 years of not having a program, the newly formed Wilmington/Bedford co-op/co-ed gymnastics team was chomping at the bit to get this joint program going. However the first scheduled meet on January 7th was postponed due to the snow storm, so the members of the team had to wait five more days to officially make history.

That they did. Last Wednesday, Wilmington/Bedford opened the 2022 season with an incredible performance, losing to one of the state's best programs in Reading by a small margin of 143.95-140.8.

"We (assistant coach Brooke Claroni and I) are

so proud of this team for

making quite a splash for

their very first competition ever," said head

coach Kristen Hannon.

"Many of these athletes

have never experienced a

high school gymnastics competition, so the pace and atmosphere are very different from what they're used to. We had some mistakes and a lot of nerves but these kids gave it their all and held their own."

Three of the eight Wilmington residents on the team competed in the meet with two of them in the all-around competition. Junior Emily Provost had a phenomenal first meet, finishing with a 35.95 score, which included a 9.50 on the vault, a 9.25 on the floor exercise, a 9.20 on the uneven parallel bars and an 8.00 on the balance beam.

Emily Provost joined the 9.5 club for her vault!

The Massachusetts High School Gymnastics Coaches Association highlights those athletes

achieving a score of 9.5 or

better on any event. What

a great accomplishment in her very first competition. We hope to add more names to this list in the

future," said Hannon.

Right behind Provost with an all-around score of 35.1 was sophomore Alli Ganley, who earned a 9.40 on the balance beam, a 9.20 on the vault, an 8.40 on the floor exercise and an 8.10 on the bars.

The third Wilmington competitor was junior Alexa Graziano, who performed extremely well in three events, finishing with marks of 8.90 on the floor exercise, an 8.80 on the balance beam and an 8.45 on the bars.

Of the six Bedford gym-

nasts, three of them per-

formed in three events.

Maddie Marchionna was

extremely solid and con-

sistent across the board

finishing with an 8.4 on

the vault and 8.1 scores on

both the bars and floor,

while Mikayla Comeiro

and Sasha Wintner also

had quite the debuts.

Comeiro had scores of 8.95

on the floor, 8.75 on the

vault and an 8.20 on the

bars and Wintner had

scores of 8.90 on the floor,

8.80 on the beam and 8.45

on the bars.

Rounding out the com-
petitors included Melanie
Perales, who finished with
an 8.8 on the vault and 8.2
on the beam, and Addie
Silva and Selima Chan, who
finished with the same 7.90
scores but on the vault and beam,
respectively.

Wilmington/Bedford will

be back in action on
Thursday with a home
meet against Stoneham at
6:30 and then will have a
second meet in four days
with a trip to Woburn on
Monday afternoon.

"We can't wait to get

back out there and im-

prove on all events.

Thursday will be our first

home meet at Gymstreet.

We will have some new

faces out there competing,

some for the very first

time. Everyone is happy

to be out there competing

and representing their

schools. They are thankful

for this opportunity and

can't wait to show every-

one what they're capable

of doing."

Shorthanded Boys Track team comes up short against Melrose

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BOSTON - Last Thursday, the Wilmington High School Boys' Track-and-Field team competed in its last dual meet of the season and were defeated 60-40 by Melrose, to close out with a 2-3 overall record.

"We were short-handed and without our leading scorer Jeandre Abel, as he was sick on the day of the meet. Jeandre has been a force all year and if he was present, the score would have been closer," said head coach Mike Kinney. "However, even with Jeandre out, it was probably unlikely that we could have pulled out the victory. There were a few events that could have changed the outcome but there is no sense of dwelling on missed opportunities."

"Meets are not won or lost on paper and what matters is how we per-

form in competition. We had some surprises and some disappointments, but overall I am proud of how the team kept fighting until the end. We will continue to build upon the progress we have made all season, and focus on improving on the finer details of each event. As a young team, we have faced some challenges this season, but we remain focused on our long term goals, both individually and as a team."

Two of the athletes placed in two different events. John Ware finished first in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.03 seconds, to finish 4-1 on the season, and then he added a third place finish in the shot put, throwing 33-01. Jameson Burns picked up a pair of thirds, finishing at 5:06.55 in the mile and 11:13.59 in the two-mile.

Wilmington had three other winners with John McNamara taking the 55-meter dash at 7.21 sec-

onds, his first win of the season. Also, Luka Smiljic won the high jump as he cleared 5-4 and Jack Melanson in the shot put, throwing 37-09.50. He led the way of a sweep in that

event with John Spencer taking second at 38-09 and Ware third.

Sean Patrone took second in the high jump as he also cleared 5-4.

"It was Sean's first time

clearing 5-4," said Kinney, "so that was nice to see. He keeps getting better every week, finding his comfort zone and attacking the bar on his approach."

The other second places

came from Noah Carriere in the dash at 7.24 seconds and Roman Moretti in the 1,000, and single points with third places were

picked up by Cooper Loisel with a personal

best time of 10.25 in the 55-meter hurdles, Evan Shackelford in the 600 (1:36.73), Owen Mitchell in the 1,000 (3:00.69),

Dominic Feeney in the 300 with a big personal record of 42.24 and Jonathan Magliozzi in the long jump (16-08).

"In the distance events, Jameson Burns, Roman Moretti, Evan Shackelford and Owen Mitchell continue to impress with their great attitudes and work ethic," said Kinney. "Jameson had a long day pulling out a third place finish in the

mile and the two mile. Roman and Owen both ran great races and were able to take second and third in the 1,000. In the 600, Evan Shackelford ran tough and placed third in the 600. Melrose's strength is their distance team and we knew we were going to have our hands full in those events."

This Saturday, Wilmington will be back at the Reggie Lewis Center competing at the Division 4 State Relay Meet.

"Last time we competed in that meet back in 2020 and we were runners up, missing the win by a half a point," recalled Kinney. "Since then we have seen a lot of great athletes graduate and move on. This year's meet will be a great opportunity for the younger athletes to get some big meet experience. The girls should do very well, so we are all excited to see what they can do."

Bantam Hockey team defeats Redmen, advance to state tournament

Last Wednesday, the Wilmington Wildcats Bantam 1 youth hockey team headed to Allied Veterans Rink in Everett for a rematch versus Tewksbury's Redmen. The meeting of zip codes 01887 and 01876 was the second of the year, with the Redmen winning the first battle, 4-3. This match up was a play-in game for District 10 Tier III small, with the winner advancing to the Massachusetts state tournament at Twin City rinks in February.

The 'Cats came dressed and fired up knowing the

outcome was important to their goals they had set at the beginning of the season. Wilmington's line ups: Red Line/ Ryan Archer, Nathan Caples (A), Cam Kelley, Cam Gray (A), Colin Allard White Line/ Ben Gibbons, Michael Spitz, Brady Cabral, Cam Sajja, Jake Arsenault.

Blue Line/ David Andreason, Emrick O'Brien, Shawn Tierney, Luke Cushing and Nolan Gouthro. Tyler Marinho was between the pipes wearing the pads. The Cats were missing Captain Matthew O'Brien.

The first six minutes of the game was a tight up and down the ice battle, with both teams eager to hit the scoreboard first. Tyler Marinho came up big by stopping a couple of bids by the Redmen. It was at the 6:16 mark of the first period when the 'Cats defenseman Colin Allard carried the puck, starting deep in the defensive zone, all the way to the top of the offensive faceoff circle. Colin put on his breaks and threaded a pass to Nathan Caples streaking through the slot. Caples move, froze Tewksbury's

goalie and gave

Wilmington the 1-0 lead.

Tewksbury would answer two minutes later. Tewksbury would answer as they capitalized on a 2-on-1 at 3:53 of the first. The first period would end up tied 1-1.

At the start of the second period the 'Cats' were on a power play resulting from a penalty on the Redmen. The power play unit sent out was Caples, Kelley, Gibbons, Spitz, and Allard. Michael Spitz playing defense, would pick up a loose puck and hit Cam Kelley with a cross ice pass in

their own zone. Cam Kelley would dish to his line mate Nathan Caples, who would score his and Wilmington's second goal of the game, putting the 'Cats on top 2-1, 26 seconds into the second period.

After Tyler Marinho robbed a few opportunities from Tewksbury, the Redmen would score two within 26 seconds apart the second goal coming at 5:32 of the second. The 'Cats' not used to trailing in any games this season, needed the next goal to take the momentum back. After killing off a penalty late in the second, Ben

Gibbons would tie up for the 'Cats. Michael Spitz created the possession by poke checking the puck free near the defensive blue line.

Gibbons would take it down the wing and beat two defenders and finishing it off at 1:32 of the second to tie the game up at 3-3.

It was a tight battle throughout the third period with both teams looking to break the tie. The 'Cats would have several bids by Kelley, Archer and Caples but Tewksbury's

BANTAMS B7W

Second half struggles allows Burlington to come away with a win

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WILMINGTON - At half-time of last Friday night's Middlesex League clash with Burlington, the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team looked very much like a team ready to pull off a major upset, as they battled their talented rivals shot-for-shot in an intense back and forth battle, trailing by only two points at the break.

The second half, however, was a much different story for the Wildcats, who burdened by foul trouble to top scorer Tommy Mallinson, could not keep up with superior Red Devils squad, falling by a score of 72-54 at Cushing Gymnasium.

Wilmington trailed only 33-31 the half, despite Mallinson, who picked up three early fouls, hardly playing in the second quarter. But Burlington seized control of the game with a 16-0 run in the third quarter, during which Mallinson picked up his fourth foul, and the Wildcats were unable to respond.

With the loss, Wilmington saw their record drop to 5-4 on the season.

It was a frustrating night for the Wildcats and coach Dennis Ingram, who dropped their second game in a row to a tough Middlesex League opponent, having lost their previous game to Melrose the Friday before.

"We got nothing out of our halfcourt offense the whole night. We had too much dribbling and too much one-on-one," Ingram said. "The reason we had success in the first half was that we were get-

ting out and running in transition. I don't know if it was fatigue or what it was, but we dropped off big time in the second half."

In the first half, and in the first quarter in particular, the Wildcats played some of their best basketball of the season. As Ingram noted, their transition offense was clicking, and they were also knocking down their shots, with Mallinson leading the way with 11 first quarter points. He would finish with 25 on the night in limited action.

Mallinson was not alone, however, as fellow senior Will Stuart (10 points) also continued his fine play as of late, giving the Wildcats their first lead of the game at 12-11 with a nice drive to the hoop and a lefthanded layup with 3:40 left in first quarter. He followed that up moments later with another layup, this time off of a nice pass from Mallinson to make the score 14-11.

Those baskets were part of a 12-1 run for the Wildcats that eventually turned an 11-6 deficit into an 18-12 lead when Mallinson knocked down a bucket with 1:25 left in the quarter, forcing Burlington to call a timeout.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 23-14 at the end of the quarter after a basket Luke Murphy and then a three-pointer by Mallinson at the buzzer.

Mallinson picked up his third foul early in the second quarter and headed to the bench for the rest of the half, but the Wildcats still maintained a solid lead at 27-20 after a Gavin Erickson bucket with 5:22 left in the half. From that point on, however,

Burlington began to seize control, going on a 10-0 run to take a 30-27 lead with 2:20 left in the half after a three pointer by Cedric Rodriguez (23 points).

Wilmington got a basket from Willie Stuart to end the Burlington run with 1:16 left in the half and sophomore Ben Marvin knocked down a bucket of his own in the final minute to keep the Wildcats within 33-31 at the half.

In the early moments of the second half, the Wildcats showed every indication that they would continue to stay close with the Red Devils, tying the game at 38-38 on a Murphy bucket with 6:20 left. But that was the last time they would score for several minutes, as Burlington went on a 16-0 run to take a 54-38 lead with 1:10 left in the half before Mallinson finally broke the run with a pair of free throws with 40 seconds left and another basket at the buzzer to make the score 54-42 in favor of Burlington headed to the fourth quarter.

"It was tough not having Tommy in there," Ingram said. "He got off to a good start, but when you get early fouls like that, it makes things tough. I am surprised he didn't foul out."

Any thoughts of a fourth quarter comeback by the Wildcats were quickly put to rest when Burlington got off to a fast start in the final frame, extending their lead to 61-45 with 5:33 left and eventually to as large as 23 points at 70-47 with three minutes left in the game.



Wilmington's Ayden Balter is guarded by Shawsheen Tech's Tim Sweeney of Tewksbury during Tuesday night's non-league basketball game played between the two teams.

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Boys Hoop teams clash at the Donovan Gymnasium

'Cats come back strong with a victory over Shawsheen

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WILMINGTON - Prior to last Friday night, the last time the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team had taken the court, they had blown a ten-point fourth lead to Arlington on Tuesday night, before losing 32-30 in overtime after not scoring any points in the extra session.

It may have been their worst performance of the season, leaving Wildcats coach Jessica Robinson frustrated with her team's effort down the stretch.

Fast forward to last Friday night at Cushing Gymnasium when the Wildcats hosted Middlesex League rival Burlington, heading into the game with a depleted roster of only eight players, with four players out due to COVID protocols. It was a game that had potential to end in a blowout victory for the Red Devils.

But instead, the eight Wildcats who were able to suit up gave one of their best efforts of the season against Burlington and star senior Alyvia Pena. While the Wildcats came up just short in their quest for a victory, falling by a score of 47-46, there was no doubt in their effort in this one as each player who saw action gave it everything they had right up until final buzzer.

The game was close throughout, with the largest lead of the game being six points by Burlington late in the game, but for much of the game the lead was no more than two or three points for either team.

"I thought tonight was a complete turnaround from what we put out there Tuesday night," Robinson said. "The effort was one hundred and ten percent the entire game. We worked our butts off, but unfortunately we came up a little short."

The Wildcats were led by several outstanding efforts on the night, particularly from junior Jessica Collins and seniors Rita Roche and Olivia Spizuoco.

Collins led the Wildcats with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Spizuoco had 12 points and nine rebounds and Roche chipped in with 11 points.

The action in the first quarter was back and forth for the entire eight minutes, with Wilmington jumping to a quick 5-0 lead before Burlington responded with seven straight points by Pena to take a 7-5 lead. Pena would in fact, score the first nine points of the game for the Red Devils, giving them a 9-7 lead with 2:40 left in the quarter.

The Wildcats would eventually lead 12-9 at the end of the quarter after consecutive baskets by Spizuoco to close out the frame. Spizuoco, normally known as a defensive specialist for the Wildcats, had it going offensively as well in this one with her 12 points, while also doing her best to contain Pena, who did score a game high 24 points was held mostly in check after her early outburst.

"Liv knew we needed scoring and she stepped up. She was making the right cuts to the basket, and was not afraid to put the ball on the floor and attack," Robinson said. "I thought she did a great job with that, on top of having to stick with their best player defensively."

The teams spent most off the second quarter trading baskets, although Burlington did jump out to a 19-14 lead at one point. Collins, however, got the Wildcats right back in the game, scoring five of the final six points of the half, including a three-pointer with 48 seconds left to send the teams to the break with Burlington

holding a slim 20-19 lead.

Burlington maintained their slim lead, taking a 32-29 advantage into the fourth quarter. They led 37-32 nearly midway through the quarter, but a basket by Spizuoco, followed by a three pointer by Collins tied the game at 37-37 with 4:30 left in the game.

Roche kept the Wildcats in the game later in the quarter with a terrific shot to pull her team within 42-41 with 2:50 left in the game. It was the second such difficult shot Roche had hit in the game to go along with one in the first quarter, where she fired up a shot from outside the lane that was almost a line drive, only to see it swish through the net for two points.

"We call that the Rita Rocket Shot, where it's like no, no, no, yes!" Robinson joked. "She played very well for us and came through with some big shots."

The Wildcats unfortunately would get no closer, as Burlington would eventually extend their lead to 47-41 in the final minute before Roche came up with another big shot to make it 47-43 with ten seconds left, followed by a three-pointer from half court by Collins at the buzzer to account for the 47-46 final.

The Wildcats fell to Lexington, 57-48 on Tuesday night, putting their record to 4-6. Shay Bresnahan led the way with 13 points and seven rebounds, Olivia Spizuoco chipped in with 11 points and six steals, and Alle Delgenio added nine points.

Wilmington faced Amesbury on Wednesday night with results not known as of presstime and then will host Woburn on Friday, before going to Belmont on Tuesday.

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BILLERICA - Following a tough loss to Middlesex League rival Burlington in their previous game last Friday night, the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team entered Tuesday night's road clash with non-league rival Shawsheen Tech looking to not only get back in the win column, but also do a much better job of playing their style of basketball that has made them successful this season. Namely, playing a transition offense, passing the ball well and forcing turnovers on defense.

For one game at least, it was mission accomplished for the Wildcats, as they rolled past the Rams by a score of 64-45 on Tuesday night at Mark Donovan Gymnasium. Shawsheen, meanwhile, who had dominated their previous game with 75-36 win over CAC rival Northeast, struggled to find their game most of the night on Tuesday, clearly showing the rust of a team that had played just one game since December 23.

But rust or no rust, it was Wilmington (6-4) who seized control of this game almost from the start, taking an early 12-2 lead in the first quarter, scoring 12 straight points after Shawsheen had scored the game's opening basket.

The Wildcats were led in the first quarter by a 11-point outburst from Tommy Mallinson, who scored 11 of his game high 25 points in the opening frame. Will Stuart scored the other five points in the quarter for the Wildcats, who led 16-8 at the end of the first eight minutes.

"Our whole offense is predicated on moving the ball and sharing the ball," Wilmington coach Dennis Ingram said. "When we break down the film and we are not firing where we should be at and get too much into one on one, or taking shots too quick into the possession. I thought we did a much better job tonight of moving ball, and sharing the ball and having everybody get touches. It makes it a lot

more difficult for them to play defense for 30 seconds. Easy things opened up for us."

Both teams struggled a little offensively in the second quarter, but the Wildcats were able to extend their lead by forcing numerous Shawsheen turnovers that they began to turn into easy baskets. Wilmington led 29-16 at the half, with Jeff Kelly scoring all eight of Shawsheen's second quarter points.

"We struggled to score the ball. We scored 16 points in the first half, and that is a problem," Shawsheen coach Joe Gore said. "We are not going to beat good teams when we struggle to score the ball like that. We missed a ton of layups and a ton of three point shots. I do think that comes from having such a long layoff, but that can't be an excuse, because a lot of teams are in the same situation this season and you just have to find a way to overcome it."

The Rams struggle to get any offense going in the first half pretty much epitomized what they were dealing with all night in a game that Gore will be happy to put in the team's rear view mirror.

"Our effort was not as good as theirs all night," Gore said. "From the opening tip, they out worked us, they out played and they out coached us, so that was really what was most disappointing. Right from the tip we just didn't match their intensity and we got outworked for 32 minutes."

If Shawsheen hoped to get back in the game in the third quarter, Wilmington quickly put those thoughts to rest with a 15-5 run to start the second half, led by some hot shooting from Luke Murphy as well Tyler Rourke, taking a 44-21 lead midway through the quarter. Shawsheen's Franck Maron and Cam Pontes did their best to try and keep the Rams in the game but it was simply not enough and Wilmington took a 56-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

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"Tommy (Mallinson) had a big night, but other than that we had some good, balanced scoring, which we always like to see," Ingram said. "A lot of kids were able to contribute."

Not surprisingly, the coaches of each team will be looking to take something different out of Tuesday night's game going forward.

For Ingram's part, this game is something he is hoping his team can build on going forward, even as they head back into the rigors of their Middlesex League schedule.

"I hope so, I really hope so," Ingram said. "We talk about it all the time, that you have to play 32 minutes. It doesn't matter who you are playing against. I don't think against the Middlesex League teams we have played a solid 32 minutes yet. I think this was probably our cleanest game, our best game from start to finish, and hopefully that gives our kids confidence going forward."

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Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Rams Boys Hockey team needing to bounce back after latest loss

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BILLERICA - The Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team suffered a tough loss in their most recent game, dropping a 5-2 decision to CAC rival Essex Tech at the Hallenberg Pavilion on Monday night, dropping their record to 6-2 on the season and 2-1 within the CAC.

Even with the loss, the Rams record remains good and they also remain in contention for the CAC title, but Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker would like to see more consistent play out of his team.

"We are still playing like a roller coaster. Some good periods, some really bad and some outstanding. We need to find our identity," Baker said. "Each player needs to establish their roll. They may be told what is the expectation, but they need to buy in. We have some really tough games coming up, so I hope this happens sooner than later and we continue to build in the direction of a TEAM. Starting to get the feeling that we may need to do a mix up in the lineup."

The Rams got goals from junior forward Brady Darcey and senior defenseman Tom Sampson in the loss to Essex, while senior defenseman and captain Ryan Dusablon, along with sophomore forward Liam Milne, both of Wilmington, each had an assist.

Things had gone much better for the Rams in their previous two games when they had pulled out a hard fought 3-2 win over non-league rival Rockport on Saturday night at Dorothy Talbot Arena, as well as a 7-1 rout of CAC rival Northeast last Thursday at the Hallenberg.

In the win over Rockport the Rams got goals from Darcey, Milne and junior forward Nick Calouro of Tewksbury, with Calouro netting the game winner in the third period off of assists from Milne and Darcey. Senior goalie Tom Dalton of Wilmington earned the win in net, making 16 saves on the night.

Several Shawsheen players got into the action against Northeast with six different goal scorers chipping in for the seven goals. Sophomore forward Kyle Gray of Wilmington led the offensive attack for the Rams with two goals, while

Darcey, freshman forward Dylan Higgin, sophomore forward Tyler Forristall, and senior forwards Zack Patterson and Sam Dagenais all had one each.

It was the first varsity goal for Dagenais, while junior goalie Aiden MacLeod picked up his varsity win in net.

"We always like the balanced attack. It shows that we are or could be dangerous throughout the lineup," Baker said. "I just wish we could get that balance to show up every night."

"It was great to see Aiden get his first win. He has a lot of talent. He needs to continue to work hard."

The Rams will be back in action on Thursday night when they host Latin Academy at the Hallenberg. Faceoff is set for 7:10 pm.

SWIMMING

Prior to this past week, between postponements and the holiday break, it had been quite a long stretch since the Shawsheen Co-Ed Swim team had been in the pool for an actual meet, with their last meet having been back on December 22 when they defeated Greater Lowell.

That all changed last week, however, when the Rams hit the pool twice and came away with a pair of wins against CAC opponents, defeating Minuteman 84-76 last Wednesday and Lynn Tech on Friday by a score of 88-68.

The two wins improved the Rams record on the season to 4-1.

The Rams started their week last Wednesday with their win over Minuteman, getting several outstanding efforts along the way, including in the relay events. In the mixed 200-yard freestyle relay, the foursome of sophomore Jared Krueger of Tewksbury, sophomore Tim Niles, senior Kevin Stevens of Wilmington and senior John Zembeck took first place in a time of 2:02.16.

Meanwhile in the mixed 200-medley relay, junior Anthony Bastianelli, along with Stevens, Krueger and freshman Harrison Kinsella took first in a time of 2:13.03, while senior Aidan Singh, Eliot Hong, Logan Dupont and Nathan Barnes took second in the event with a time of 2:14.13.

In addition to his success in the two relays, Krueger also had a big individual day, taking first place in

the mixed 50-yard freestyle. Bastianelli also had a fine individual day, taking first in the mixed 100-yard freestyle as well as the mixed 200-yard freestyle.

Stevens meanwhile added to his relay success with a first place finish in the mixed 200-yard freestyle as well as the mixed 100-yard butterfly, while Singh was first in the mixed 500-yard freestyle and second in the mixed 200-yard individual medley.

Other place finishers for the Rams included senior captain Kasey McFadden of Tewksbury, who was second in the mixed 100-yard butterfly, while fellow senior John Zembeck was third in the event. Junior Nathan Barnes earned a second place finish in the mixed 100-yard freestyle, while freshman Harrison Kinsella was third in the event.

Eliot Hong, meanwhile was second in the mixed 500-yard freestyle, and third in the mixed 200-yard individual medley and freshman Makayla Nolan of Tewksbury was third in the mixed 200-yard freestyle and junior Leah Casey of Tewksbury was third in the event.

Shawsheen coach Rick Menard was proud of the way his team kicked off the resumption of their season after the long lay-off.

"The kids stayed strong despite coming off the holiday break and many, like myself needing to take time off due to contacts and illness," Menard said. "Lots of kids found themselves in 'off' events but still swam great! Jared in the 50-free was lights out; crushing his old best time. Makayla Nolan and Leah Casey keep making the most of their opportunities and showed great effort in the 200."

"Kevin (Stevens) and Kasey (McFadden) pushed each other in the 100-fly as good teammates will do when they are up against a softer opponent. Kevin was a beast in the 100-breast edging the standout from Minuteman."

The Rams returned to the pool on Friday, and were even more dominant in their 95-74 win over Lynn Tech.

Krueger, Stevens, McFadden and senior Cailey McDevitt led the way in the 200-medley relay in a time of 2:21.34, while the Rams also got several outstanding individual efforts throughout their lineup.

Shawsheen swept the

200-yard freestyle event, with Nathan Barnes taking first in a time of 2:24.37, followed by Harrison Kinsella in second in a time of 2:28.27 and Daniel Penney in third in 2:30.59. They also picked up a sweep in the mixed 50-yard freestyle, with Aidan Singh taking first in 24.79, followed by Anthony Bastianelli (27.00) and Barnes (29.81).

Singh had a big day for himself. In addition to his first place finish in the 50 freestyle, he also took first in the mixed 100-yard backstroke in a time of 1:09.08 and was part of the mixed 200-yard freestyle relay that earned a first place finish.

Kevin Stevens meanwhile, was first in the mixed 500-yard freestyle in a time of 7:26.36, along with success in the 200-medley relay.

The Rams were back in action on Wednesday when they traveled to Canton to take on Blue Hills, with results of the meet not available as of the Town Crier's press time. They will take on non-league rival Melrose at home next Tuesday before hosting CAC rival Northeast next Friday, January 28.

Menard is looking forward to seeing his team finish the season strong.

"I am so proud of this group. Despite being small, and in most cases very inexperienced, we have done a great job against the vocational teams and have held our own against the traditional schools as well," Menard said. "We have two more meets against the Voc's and hope to pull off the season sweep headed into a scaled back Vocational State Championship. Blue Hills is usually pretty tough and Northeast is always an unknown from season to season."

WRESTLING

It says something about the history success of the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling program that every time they lose a meet, which over the years has not been very often, it is headline news.

And that is particularly the case when they lose a league meet, as heading into this season they had

won 14 consecutive Commonwealth Athletic Conference titles.

With that as a backdrop, it is now wonder that last Wednesday night's 39-33 loss to CAC rival Whittier was such big news. Despite wrestling very well on the night, and get-

ting some outstanding individual performances, the Rams came up just a little short in their effort to keep their undefeated league record intact, falling to 2-1 in the league at the time.

With the win, Whittier now has the clear inside track to the league championship, putting the Rams incredible streak in jeopardy.

Heading into the meet, Shawsheen coach Doug Pratt knew the Wildcats would present a stiff challenge for the Rams, and that the results of the meet would likely come down to who was able to avoid taking too many losses by pin. As it turned out, he was proven correct, as the Wildcats edged the Rams just 7-6 in terms of overall victories, but more importantly, they won six matches by pin, as opposed to only four by Shawsheen.

"We wrestled well, but we just needed a couple of guys to stay off their back and we weren't able to do that," Pratt said. "The effort was there, but we just weren't able to avoid the pins or get enough pins. We came close in a couple of matches to getting pins, but we weren't able to get them, and it ended up being the difference."

The four wrestlers who did win by pin for the Rams were freshman Brayton Carbone at 106 pounds in just 39 seconds, freshman Sid Tildsley at 132 pounds in 3:30, junior Ben Gooltz at 152 pounds in 1:10 and senior Xavier Santiago at 285 in just 14 seconds.

Other winners on the day for the Rams were senior Lucien Tremblay with a 6-4 decision at 120 pounds and junior Troy Warwick of Tewksbury with a 6-3 decision at 145 pounds.

Whittier was able to pick up victories by pin at 113, 126, 170, 182, 195 and 220 pounds. The only victory for Whittier not by pin was at 160 pounds where senior Tayla Tildsley battled her opponent before dropping a 7-1 decision.

"They had some real studs going against some of our younger guys, so that was certainly to their advantage," Pratt said. "Tayla did a nice job for us. She stayed off her back and did well."

Needless to say, the victory for Whittier was a huge one for their program, setting off a wild celebration for the Wildcats.

"It was well deserved for them. They are a well

coached team, and those kids earned it," Pratt said. "They managed to stay off their back more than we did. We had a couple of matches where we thought we were going to get pins, but we weren't able to do it. If those matches go the other way, maybe the results are different, but they didn't and Whittier deserved to win."

On Saturday, the Rams were back in action against another CAC opponent, this time hosting Greater Lawrence at Mark Donovan Gymnasium, and the results were much more to their liking, as they routed the Reggies by a score of 60-23 to improve to 3-1 in the CAC and 4-4 overall. Pratt felt it was important for his team to bounce back quickly after the tough loss to Whittier. "Our goal every year is to win the league and win the State Vocational Tournament," Pratt said. "The league is kind of a long shot at this point unless Whittier stumbles, which I don't think they will. But we would still like to get the number two seed in the vocational tournament, so this was a big match for us."

Carbone got the Rams started with a win in just 30 seconds at 106 pounds, while Tyler Manty of Tewksbury followed up with a pin in just 35 seconds at 135 pounds. Tremblay followed up with a pin in 2:16 at 120 pounds, followed by pins from Sam Palmieri (126, 4:40), Sid Tildsley (132, :17), Caleb Caceres (138, :32), Gooltz (152, 2:42), Thomas Cormier (195, 1:35), Austin Malandain (220, 1:35) and Santiago (285, 2:07).

"We rebounded well real quick, which was great to see," Pratt said. "Greater Lawrence is a very well coached team, but they are just a little bit inexperienced, and our young guys looked really good against them."

The Rams will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to Tewksbury High to take on non-league rivals Tewksbury, Franklin and Melrose in a quad meet.

"Tewksbury is really tough and Franklin year in and year out is very good as is Melrose," Pratt said. "It is going to be a tough quad meet. It will be very competitive, but hopefully we are able to come away with a couple of wins."

"It was well deserved for them. They are a well

Bantam Youth Hockey team defeats Redmen to advance to state tournament

FROM B5W

goalie held up the fort by denying a go ahead goal.

At the 3:28 mark the Cats were on a power play 4-on-3. Tewksbury would find a loose puck and head in on

a breakaway. The Cats' Marinho would come up big, in stopping what would have been a game changing goal for the Redmen.

With the face off deep in

the 'Cats zone, Nathan Caples battled for the puck hit Cam Kelley over the middle. Kelley turned on the jets and toasted two defenders, beating the

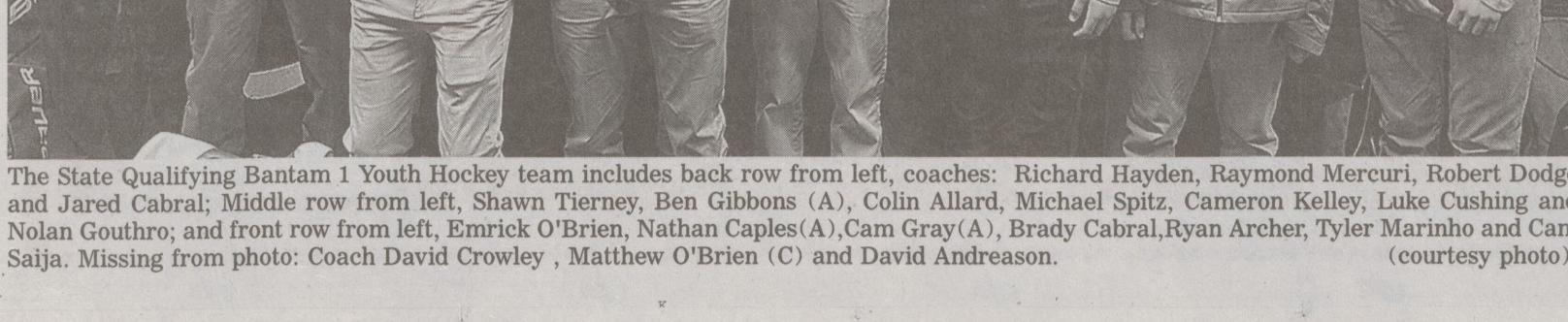
goalie for the go ahead goal. The referees would call off the goal saying Wilmington's player had left the penalty box too early. After a conference

and discussion with the time keeper, the time keeper stated that the Wilmington player did in fact get on the ice at the appropriate time. The goal was allowed and Wilmington took the 4-3 lead 2:54 left in the game.

Tewksbury would get a penalty with 1:31 remaining the game to create a 4-on-4. With the blue shirts of Kelley, Archer, Gibbons and Caples on the ice for the 'Cats, Kelley stole the puck and created a 2-on-1 down the bench side of the rink. Cam pulled the defenseman over and hit Ryan Archer open front, who backhanded home Wilmington's fifth goal making it 5-3 and that stood the rest of the way.

The 'Cats puck possession and passing was once again a proving factor of the chemistry make up of this team along with goalie Tyler Marinho's goaltending.

The 'Cats improved their overall record to 16-2-2. Wilmington will head to Twin City February 25-27th for a shot to bring home Wilmington's seventh state championship, dating back to the State Tournament created in 1972.



The State Qualifying Bantam 1 Youth Hockey team includes back row from left, coaches: Richard Hayden, Raymond Mercuri, Robert Dodge and Jared Cabral; Middle row from left, Shawn Tierney, Ben Gibbons (A), Colin Allard, Michael Spitz, Cameron Kelley, Luke Cushing and Nolan Gouthro; and front row from left, Emrick O'Brien, Nathan Caples(A), Cam Gray(A), Brady Cabral, Ryan Archer, Tyler Marinho and Cam Sajja. Missing from photo: Coach David Crowley, Matthew O'Brien (C) and David Andreason.

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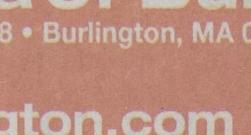
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them Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette and Matthew Lillard. (All but Lillard return here.) But, like Tara suggests, the "Scream" movies seem like quickly aged relics — particularly when you consider that they were the products of Harvey and Bob Weinstein. If anything, "Scream" persists mostly because Ghostface, its killer's trademark Edvard Munch-like mask, remains a Halloween staple.

Filmmakers Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett (who helmed 2019's "Ready or Not"), working from the script by James Vanderbilt and Guy Busick, don't offer up much reason for a retread beside some kitschy killer nostalgia, more fun with phones and enough self-mocking irony to almost distract from how thin the movie is.

Working in their favor is a solid young cast, including Ortega, Melissa Barrera ("In the Heights") and Jack Quaid (son of Dennis). Tara's near-fatal encounter in the film's first scene draws her estranged sister, Sam (Barrera), to her bedside. Sam arrives with her boyfriend, Richie (Quaid), who professes unfamiliarity with the "Stab" films but proves a quick study at their rules of sur-

vival. We are back in Woodsboro, California, the setting for all the "Scream" films and site of the murders said to inspire the "Stab" movies. When Ghostface begins slashing again, the kids appeal to an earlier Woodsboro generation (Arquette, Cox, Campbell) for help.

It's a basic format that's been trotted out for plenty of reboots before. But aside from its frequent stabs at self-referential comedy, "Scream" proceeds with a dull repetitiveness. (It's the first "Scream" film not directed by Craven, who died in 2015 and to whom the movie is dedicated.) None of the characters get filled in much, and instead are offered up like mere fodder for Ghostface's knife. In the end, "Scream" becomes a commentary on remakes, reboots and "re-quels" in a way it doesn't quite intend. It captures the horror being trapped inside a never-ending loop.

"Scream," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for strong bloody violence, language throughout and some sexual references. Running time: 114 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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Project From page A-8

covered storage tank maintained by the Mass. Water Resource Authority (MWRA), the old BRMC grounds is located in the middle of a 2,575-acre state park known as the Fells Reservation.

The vacant hospital building, once a single 41-acre parcel, has also been subdivided in recent years to allow for a pair of housing developments containing luxury condos and hundreds of apartments.

"We're not talking about a virology lab, right? Would there be anything pertaining to a [high] biosafety level?" asked Planner Terrence Dolan. "Do you think there would be anything involved with artificial intelligence?"

Scott Weiss, the Gutierrez Company's vice-president for development, later speculated that one major tenant - potentially a vaccine developer or cancer researcher - would occupy the entire 150,000 square foot building.

Understanding that abutters and town officials alike are worried about experimentation with deadly pathogens or other biohazards, Weiss later explained that his firm is already willing to stipulate that no "high-hazard" users will be allowed to move into the R&D facility.

"There are multiple levels of regulations and oversight at the state and federal level. You can't just show up one day [as a tenant] and start up with anthrax production," Weiss assured the town officials. "Plus the building itself would be built differently for that kind of higher-level research, so it wouldn't even be constructed to allow for a biosafety Level 4 [user]," the vice president for development added.

Though wary and approaching the proposal with some healthy skepticism, members of the Stoneham Planning Board have pointed out that the conversion to an R&D development does come with some benefits over a traditional office park, including a significantly reduced traffic profile.

"I think the concept is good. Traffic-wise, it doesn't seem too heavy. But there are a lot of moving parts here," said Dolan. "This is our first time putting our toe in the life science waters. The last thing I want to do is ram through an approval."

A contentious history

Though willing to work with the town, the Gutierrez Company, which has been waiting for decades to develop the hospital site, is also apprehensive about the project being over-regulated by the municipality.

Specifically, according to Houghton, if the town was to block the issuance of permits until a final tenant is identified, his client may have a tough time inking a lease agreement.

"Basically, Gutierrez over the years paid [hundreds of thousands of dollars] in mitigation fees for the apartment complex and various other improvements over there," the local lawyer reminded the town officials.

"It's our desire to have a project that's ready to go. Most of the companies in this field, they already have a long process to go through for validation from the state and federal government [so they don't want to risk being further delayed by a local permitting process]," Weiss later said.

Houghton and other Gutierrez Company officials have been trying to facilitate the redevelopment of the former BRMC building since around 2000, but plans for the site have been repeatedly stymied by state environmental officials and the continuous filing of lawsuits by neighboring communities and Fells Reservation advocates.

The original form of the mixed-use development dates back to 2005, after the Gutierrez Company gave up on its initial plan to construct a 914,000 square foot office park on the sprawling 41-acre property on Woodland Road across from Spot Pond.

At that time, the commercial real-estate manager announced it had teamed up with Colorado's Simpson Housing to design a mixed-use development consisting of 250,000 square feet of office space and 550 housing units.

The town's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), which handled the public hearing process because the project included a "friendly" Chapter 40B or affordable-housing component, downsized the project to 225,000 square feet of office space and 450 dwelling units.

However, two years later in 2007, the development team found itself back in front of the ZBA after being ordered by the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) to reduce the size of the project to decrease traffic and other project-related impacts.

Town officials were outraged to learn about the resulting MWRA sale, which shaved 95 housing units off the Langwood Commons proposal and permanently removed six acres of prime commercial real-estate from Stoneham's tax rolls.

However, in 2010, again in the hopes to facilitate the development, town officials sanctioned a zoning change that created a special medical/office/residential zoning district at the BRMC site, where 310 market rate apartments and 225,000 square feet of office space were permitted.

In exchange for the zoning modification, the Gutierrez Company paid the Town of Stoneham \$401,000 in mitigation money, while at least \$500,000 in one-time building fees have also been since collected.

The Burlington firm settled the last outstanding lawsuit with project opponents in 2016, when an abutting medical condominium association was advised it might be financially liable for violating a previous settlement agreement. At the time, the developer had estimated it had amassed some \$5.3 million in losses due to construction delays.

Town officials okayed those modifications, which slashed the housing unit count to 405 units.

Years later, with the BRMC plans still bogged down by subsequent EOEEA rulings, the Burlington firm changed tactics entirely and sought to work directly with leaders at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the agency charged with overseeing the historic Fells Reservation parkways.

What resulted in 2009 was a jointly agreed upon traffic modification plan, in which the developer, rather than spending millions to increase the traffic capacity on the double-laned DCR roadways, would turn to "traffic calming" measures to deter commuters from using the parkway.

However, despite finding a new ally through the DCR process, which resulted in a \$1.8 million payment to the state agency to institute the "calming measures", the Langwood Commons project continued to be hindered by court filings initiated by environmental advocates at the Melrose-based Friends of the Fells organization and other project opponents.

Towards the close of 2009, the Gutierrez Company announced it had found another state partner in the quasi-public Mass. Water Resource Authority (MWRA), which asked the developer for six-acres of land in order to construct a 20-million gallon underground water tank.

In exchange for the land sale, the developer convinced MWRA officials to secure a written opinion from the EOEEA that the transaction would satisfy the environmental agency's requests for a reduced-scope development. As such, no further traffic modifications would be required, besides those already agreed upon with DCR.

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One plays for the women's ice hockey team while the other is on the men's squad.

SHEA VERRIER and RYAN VERRIER of Reading both found their academic and

hockey homes at the University of New

Hampshire in Durham.

Shea Verrier is a 5-foot-7 freshman forward for the Wildcats' women team. She has skated in 20 of 22 games with one assist. She has blocked nine shots and has 24 shots on

next.

Shea Verrier played her high school

hockey at Cushing Academy where she was named captain of the 2021 team her senior year. However, that season was cancelled because of COVID. She also captained the lacrosse team as a senior and made All-NEPSAC.

A member of many junior hockey teams,

Shea Verrier played for the Boston Jr. Eagles, Boston Shamrocks and East Coast Selects where she played seven games overseas in the Czech Republic. In the classroom she receive high honors as a senior at Cushing.

The UNH women have an 8-12-2 record.

Its games last weekend with Northeastern were postponed due to COVID-19 protocols within the UNH program. They hope to be back in action this weekend at UConn.

The UNH men's team is coming off a two-

game sweep against No. 20 rank Boston College last weekend. Ryan Verrier (6-0, 193), continues to take a regular shift on defense and while he doesn't figure in on the scoring a lot, his efforts don't go unnoticed.

Prior to the series against BC, UNH was down some players due to injuries and COVID-19 protocols. Verrier skated a team

Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA

TRIVIA: Tuukka Rask recently returned the Bruins in net. While he is the club's all-time leader in wins, who is the leader in all-time shutouts?

Answer appears below:

Burlington boys basketball team made 24 3-pointers in recent game

The 3-point shot continues to grow at all levels of basketball from the pros on down.

In the NBA in a span of the last 10 years, points scored off 3-pointers in a game are at 40.3 percent compared to just 24.2 percent 10 years before. College teams are launching them like never before and thus its 3-point line was pushed back from 20 feet, 9 inches to 22 1/3 feet at the start of the 2019-20 season.

Followers of the high school game bear witness that even in the last 5-7 years has seen a big increase in the philosophy in coaching strategies when it comes to shooting the three as an offensive weapon. Of course, teams need to have players who can make those shots.

Burlington coach PHIL CONNERS had the novel idea that while he cannot necessarily make his players taller, faster or quicker, he can make them better shooters with practice. His 2019-20 team was way ahead of the curve with 3-point shooting for high school teams throughout the state. Usually a team that made 10 threes in a game had a good shooting night, but that Burlington team had a good shooting night apparently every game as it averaged 10.8 made 3-pointers a game for 23 games where as the year before the team was just a shade over seven made threes per game.

Six players on that 2019-20 Burlington team made 28 or more 3-pointers that season for a team that went 18-5 and went to the Division 2 North Sectional semifinals. So you can win with successful 3-point shooting.

This past Martin Luther King Day on Monday the Red Devils took on Arlington at home at Vanella Gym and made an ungodly 24 3-pointers in a 97-72 win. Think about that: 72 points were from 3-pointers alone.

"One of the craziest things I've ever seen in my entire coaching career," said Connors. "We don't shoot that well in drills uncovered."

And it wasn't just one guy carrying the load as "it was more a bunch of guys shooting a high percentage," said Connors.

Logan Ciulla had six made threes while Shane Mahoney and Eric Sekaya sank five each. The rest of the makes came from Cedric Rodriguez (3), James Ellis (2), Jaden Brehm (2) and Bryan McLaughlin (1).

Local college basketball notes

Reading's MATT MULVEY, a 6-1 freshman guard for Swarthmore University (PA), continues to get consistent playing time coming off the bench. Mulvey is averaging 15.3 minutes a game and averaging 8.0 points. Swarthmore is 14-1 on the season.

Mulvey played his first two years of high school basketball at Reading High before transferring to Brooks School in North Andover.

Winchester's MICHAEL TAVILLA and Burlington's KYLE INGLIS are hopeful of getting their seasons back under way for New England College this week. The Pilgrims went into the break at 6-7.

Tavilla, a 6-4 junior forward, has started all 13 games and is averaging 9.5 ppg and 4.7 rebounds. Inglis, a 6-0 sophomore guard, has three starts and averages 18.3 minutes a game and they have been productive averaging 11.2 points per game. Inglis has been the team's best 3-point shooter at 47.3 percent on 26 off 55 from deep.

Having trouble popping up your drive? Try this tip.

Tee the ball up higher is a solution which seems counterintuitive. Why would you want to hit up more on the ball when you are already hitting it too high? The answer was simple. Because you may have been too steep (the root of many problems when it comes to the golf swing). With a steep angle of attack, the crown of the driver was what was making contact with the ball, and this made the ball pop straight into the air, not just because you were swinging underneath the ball.

So the tip is you need to get shallower as the club head approached the ball in order to make the low point closer to the ball.

But how can you do that? The fix is rather simple, and it all starts in the setup.

When setting up to the ball, move the ball a touch forward in your stance. Then, you want to tilt your spine slightly away from the target into what's called a "reverse K" position. After that, it's as easy as making your normal swing and hitting up on the ball.

Looking to work through this problem or other flaws? Locally, try Big Sticks Golf in Burlington, Pure Drive Golf in Woburn, or Merrimack Valley Pavilion in Tewksbury. Golf Galaxy in Reading also has two hitting bays but you may need to demo a club to access those.

Good luck.

Bowling in and around Boston

Bowling. It's an American pastime that just never gets old. From a rowdy Saturday night with friends or a relaxing Tuesday afternoon game, it's always a good option when looking for something to do. Check out the list below for some of the more popular spots to bowl in and around Boston.

Lucky Strike Fenway: 145 Ipswich St., Boston. Vintage-mod bowling spot offering 16 lanes, lounge, dancing & regular DJs, with 21+ policy at night.

Boston Bowl: 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Round-the-clock bowling & billiards, plus a brewpub serving suds & bar bites till late.

Kings: Also locations in Burlington and Lynnfield. The bowling goes hand-in-hand with a premier social gaming and entertainment experience in a fun, clean and safe environment, according to its website.

Answer to this week's question: Tiny Thompson is the Bruins all-time leader in shutouts with 74. Rask has 52.

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52 Sanborn St #102 was sold to Bogage, David by Oleary, Lynne A for \$540,000 on 12/27/21

108 West St was sold to Henriquez, Ismael and Henriquez, Allison by West Street RT and Cloney, Patrick for \$1,565,000 on 12/24/21

STONEHAM

26 Broadway was sold to Lynn Homes LLC by Wallace Ralph E Jr Est and Wallace, Ralph E for \$705,500 on 12/31/21

510 Fellsview Ter #514 was sold to Leung, Michael K by Ohalloran, Jaclyn for \$279,000 on 12/30/21

157 Franklin St #D7 was sold to Gowthaman, Karthikeyan by Wang, Sheila S for \$248,000 on 12/30/21

100 Ledgewood Dr #313 was sold to Guerriero, Nanci R by Hanley, Robert S for \$300,000 on 12/29/21

159 Main St #9B was sold to Estevez, Jose A and Keene, Shiann N by Oriordan, Brian for \$372,000 on 12/27/21

426 Main St #205 was sold to Elebriay, Mostafa by Tuohy, Katherine for \$512,000 on 12/28/21

18 Morgan Ave was sold to Monagle, Janet M and Monagle, William J by Ohop, John and Ohop, Shelby J for \$750,000 on 12/28/21

31 Perkins St was sold to Chen, Chunbin and Chen, Eva by Stgeorge FT and Stgeorge, Kevin J for \$710,000 on 12/30/21

7 Prospect St was sold to Aguiar, James L and Heilmann, Krista L by Paul&Va Nick-erson FT and Nickerson, Paul H for \$680,000 on 12/30/21

TEWKSBURY

4 Anthony Rd was sold to Richemond, Lyrna by Defeo, Cherise M and Defeo, Dou-glas A for \$525,000 on 12/27/21

30 Cleghorn Ln was sold to Warden, Stephen W by Kotsopoulos Ernest N Est and Ullman, Alison for \$470,000 on 12/30/21

17 Dirlam Cir was sold to Tejada, Gerardo A and Chacon, Emma A by Kuzirian FT and Raposo, Joan D for \$405,000 on 12/27/21

25 Grammys Way was sold to Fonseca, Arnold and Fonseca, Maria by Jeannette B Sullivan FT and Sullivan, John F for \$425,000 on 12/30/21

26 Joseph Dr was sold to Odonnell, James M and Odonnell, Diane Z by Fernald, Mary E for \$607,000 on 12/29/21

2499 Main St was sold to Ramirez, Apitchaya T and Ramirez, Roger J by 2499 Main Street LLC for \$490,000 on 12/27/21

235 N Billerica Rd was sold to Walusz, Hol-lie J by Atkinson, Sara R and Sacco, Christopher D for \$552,000 on 12/28/21

12 Rhoda St was sold to Maggiore, Christo-pher M and Maggiore, Maya A by Page, Lynda M for \$482,500 on 12/30/21

432 River Rd was sold to Sullivan, Julie A and Sullivan, Charles V by Buonopane, Marion and Buonopane, Christina for \$799,900 on 12/29/21

1015 South St was sold to Ingoglia, Roberto and Douglass, Ann M by Ima Renovation LLC for \$650,900 on 12/28/21

WAKEFIELD

28 Aborn Ave was sold to Daly, Sharon S and Daly, Glen S by Robert L Hayden IRT and Micelli, Linda J for \$586,000 on 12/29/21

34 Butternut Rd was sold to Meier, Nor-man V by Odonnell, Hugh M and Odonnell, Lauren J for \$1,375,000 on 12/30/21

6 Evergreen St was sold to Duratti, Ken-neth C and Duratti, Jacqueline by Duratti, Diane M for \$300,000 on 12/30/21

WILMINGTON

191 Middlesex Ave was sold to McCabe, Sean T by Stribley, George T and Stribley, Lisa A for \$655,000 on 12/28/21

58 Park St was sold to Schoonover, Robert and A Schoonover, Courtney A by Mercer, Richard J and Mercer, Jessica for \$600,000 on 12/28/21

54 Washington Ave was sold to Boston Times RT and Yang, Ruiyang by Deschenes

Edmund E Est and Deschenes, William D for \$421,000 on 12/27/21

109 West St was sold to 109 West Street LLC by Bodnar Michael Jr Est and Bodnar, Ronald S for \$350,000 on 12/30/21

WINCHESTER

376 Cambridge St was sold to Liao, Tao by Merlino Giovanni Est and Merlino, Roberto R for \$780,000 on 12/30/21



OVEN-FRIED FISH

Ingredients

- 1 lb cod, haddock or other medium-firm fish fillets, about 3/4 inch thick

- 1/4 cup cornmeal

- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs

- 3/4 teaspoon chopped fresh or 1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed

- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

- 1/4 cup milk

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted



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STEPS

- Move oven rack to position slightly above middle of oven. Heat oven to 500°F.

- Cut fish into 2x1 1/2-inch pieces. In shallow dish, mix cornmeal, bread crumbs, dill weed, paprika, salt and pepper. Place milk

- in another shallow dish. Dip fish into milk, then coat with cornmeal mixture.

- Place fish in ungreased 13x9-inch pan. Drizzle melted butter over fish. Bake uncovered about 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

C Est and Pollard, Mary A for \$387,000 on 12/28/21

14 Grace Rd was sold to Oconnell, Michelle A and Mcdonald, Jonathan by Hammoud, Riad I and Kabalan, Hiba H for \$700,000 on 12/30/21

35 Hart St was sold to Bhattacharyya, Samadrita and Tennison, Dylan by Faulkner, John A and Faulkner, Anne P for \$565,000 on 12/29/21

1 Harvard St was sold to Dwivedi, Yasha by Osullivan, Bethany A and Mongelli, Joan for \$560,000 on 12/29/21

18 John St was sold to Mutuaba-Pringle, Marion and M Gutabingi-Anika, Fiona by Doherty, Keith D and Doherty, Kimberly C for \$631,000 on 12/28/21

16 Kilby St was sold to Orlinsky, Paul by Daughtry, Colin P for \$755,000 on 12/28/21

109 Main St #2 was sold to Werenski, Stephen and Werenski, Mackenzie by Salem Waterview Devs LLC for \$457,500 on 12/31/21

7 Montvale Ave was sold to Kaylee&Ethan Realty LLC by Trinh, Sonia for \$475,000 on 12/30/21

12 Munroe St was sold to Meaney, Paul J and Meaney, Max F by Munroe Street 12 LLC for \$774,900 on 12/27/21

400 Presidential Way was sold to Rhino FE 400 Presi LLC by Tolleson One LLC for \$9,900,000 on 12/29/21

47 Russell St was sold to Gagne, Gregory D and Ferrucci, Courtney R by Moore, Keith E for \$680,000 on 12/28/21

66 Salem St was sold to Nel, Christopher by 66 Salem St LLC for \$770,000 on 12/30/21

36 Samoset Rd was sold to Caccavaro, Thomas S and Caccavaro, Thomas S by Anastasi FT 2016 and Anastasi, Frank for \$585,000 on 12/31/21

LYNNFIELD

34 Essex St was sold to Golitko, Laura by Zuchieri-Bressan, Jean C for \$793,000 on 12/28/21

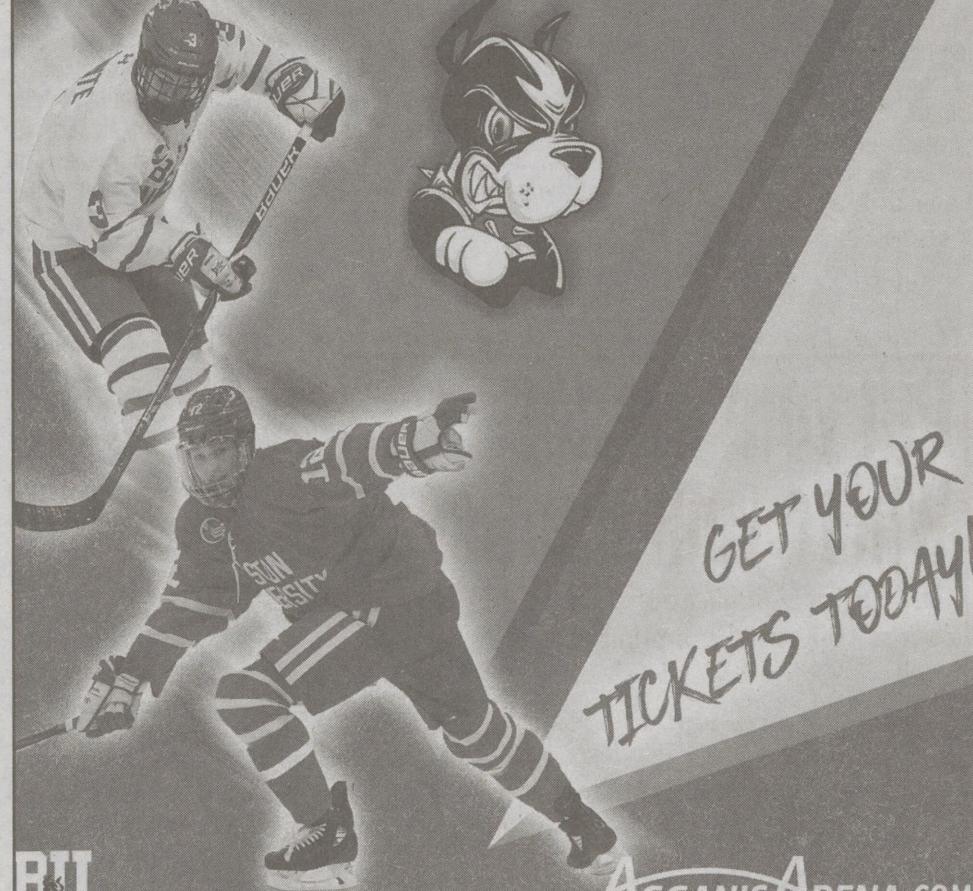
49 Homestead Rd was sold to Labkovich, Alena and Labkovich, Dennis A by Romano, Kenneth M and Romano, Pamela for \$905,000 on 12/29/21

1386 Main St was sold to Coles, Richard and Cove, Philip by Palreddy, Narasimha R and Palreddy, Sunanda R for \$1,075,000 on 12/29/21

244 Main St was sold to Zepaj Develop-ment LLC by Sorli, Roy A for \$390,000 on 12/31/21

258 Main St was sold to Zepaj Develop-ment LLC by Sorli, Roy A for \$390,000 on 12/31/21

16 Nottingham Rd was sold to 16 Notting-ham LLC by Bellio NT and Fitzgibbons, Susan A for \$636,000 on 12/31/21



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SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

He said they'd made information available in print and online on the district's website for the community. "My goal on behalf of this committee over the next couple of months is to ensure that the community at large is aware of the opportunity leading to the special Town Meeting on March 8," he continued.

For the printed copies, he said they would post them at various town locations; he also suggested they could have another virtual session to help get the word out.

TIME FROM PAGE 1

and then kindergarten and elementary. This would not require extra busses, but it would have an impact on CARES and extend elementary routes.

The third scenario would let elementary schools start first, followed by intermediate, then the middle school, then kindergarten, and the high school last. This would affect both after school sports and CARES, because some of their staff comes from high school students. The fourth scenario would keep the middle school starting first, then the Shawsheen, the West Intermediate, the Boutwell, Woburn street, the North Intermediate, the Wildwood, and the high school last. The

Committee receives supt. update

The committee next saw the first reading of the calendar for 2022-2023. Some of the ideas that were being carried over from this year included two professional development days in the beginning of the year, the same number of early release days, and planning 185 days in case of snow days.

The committee members asked if there was any feedback from the community about having the full Wednesday off before Thanksgiving and Christmas as

opposed to half days. For the most part, Brand said he hadn't gotten specific feedback, but it seemed to have been received well.

Jay Samaha commented on the amount of early release days for parent conferences.

"I feel like I bring this up every year," he said. "Any time you have early release days, that has a huge impact on families trying to find childcare."

He proposed trying to line up some early release days

between schools so that it wouldn't be such a burden.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott said that they imagined it would be hard for parents to attend more than one school's parent conferences in one afternoon, which was why they had separated them. However, Chair Jenn Bryson suggested that perhaps it would be more convenient if parents could knock out more than one parent conference in a single day.

David Ragsdale added that

it seemed better to have full days to make up for the loss of the half days before the holidays, which already had low attendance and less educational value.

They also wondered if the short week in the first week of school went well, and Brand responded to say that the adjustment had worked well. Elliott also said that the professional development days allowed teachers time to collaborate, launch, plan, and get ready for the new school year.

They agreed to vote on the calendar for their next reading, which would be in Feb-

ruary.

For the fiscal year 2022 budget update, Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero jumped in to say that they had \$1.2 million left over and some minor reallocations for salary, which the committee approved.

Lastly, Brand reiterated that the school district would continue to follow DESE guidance, not the CDC, and encouraged the community to stay up-to-date with the town's information.

The next School Committee meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Most local schools extended start time

same impacts would be made on after school sports and CARES.

The final scenario would have the middle school start first, then the high school, then kindergarten, and finally all elementary schools. This would not have any CARES impact but involve adding six more buses, since all of the town's elementary students would need to get to school at the same time.

The next steps for the committee were to raise awareness and engage feedback. They'd be doing community outreach through February school vacation. After that, they'll report their findings from the community and

hope to get a decision from the School Committee by April 13.

Brand commented about the intricacy of the impacts to transportation. He shared that they primarily excluded scenarios requiring more busses due mostly to cost — \$70,000 per bus per year.

"This could be implemented as soon as next year if there's a scenario we want to move forward with," he continued.

One concern voiced by School Committee member M.J. Byrnes was about students arriving home too late in the afternoon. However, the committee ensured them that they were looking at

increasing route efficiency and making sure students get picked up as soon as school gets out.

David Ragsdale asked how they would reach out to staff about the proposed changes. The committee told them that they would send out a faculty and community survey.

Ragsdale also reiterated how complicated all of these scenarios and changes are.

"We think that the trade-offs we're making right now are worse than other choices. We're used to what we have now, so any change is going to change some adjustment," he said.

Byrnes also asked about bus ridership, to which Farra said that 90-95 percent of students who register are

riding the bus.

Jay Samaha said he appreciated the potential options while also advocating for no significant effects on CARES.

"I hope that we can stand behind this and that the community stands behind this as well," he said.

After soliciting feedback, the School Start Time Committee would return to the School Committee on March 9.

Town readies for special Town Meeting

BUILDING FROM PAGE 1

They then considered how they could bring presentations to the Finance Committee, the School Committee, and the Board of Selectmen. Town Manager Jeff Hull suggested presenting the merits of the feasibility study and the money needed for it to all three committees or during one of the scheduled Finance Committee budget meetings.

He added that they should specify why the money is needed at this time and what the town's approval would enable them to do going forward.

Selectman Greg Bendl said that any opportunity to get on camera and talk about this process would be valuable.

"The selectmen, subject to the chair, would welcome a presentation," he continued.

Selectman Kevin Caira added, from the audience, the importance of reminding the public about the reimbursement from the

MSBA toward the building cost. Judy O'Connell, also present, proposed using a WCTV soundbite and sending communications through Elderly Services.

Brand thought of having school principals disseminate information to school families. School Committee member David Ragsdale reminded the committee members representing other committees to report back to their respective boards.

Then, Brand walked the committee through some marketing materials to be shared with the community. He detailed a full brochure broken down into four parts, and a smaller brochure with the information in smaller pieces. There were web and print versions available. The web versions had gone out to school families on Jan. 10. He said that the hard copies would be distributed to various locations like the library, the town hall, and the senior center.

The committee members

suggested promoting the date, time, and location of the special Town Meeting, in addition to what the result of the feasibility study would be.

For their next meeting date, they expressed their intent to meet ahead of the potential Feb. 15 public hearing for the special Town Meeting on March 8. Hull clarified that the Finance Committee, per the town by-law, is required to hold a public hearing to review the particulars of the articles prepared before any Town Meeting or special Town Meeting. The Finance Committee would be voting on recommendations for the proposed articles, and those recommendations would be sent to the town clerk and then given to residents.

The committee agreed to try to meet again at the Wildwood School and also give residents another chance to see the school and attend the meeting at the same time. The next meeting date was not yet set.

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